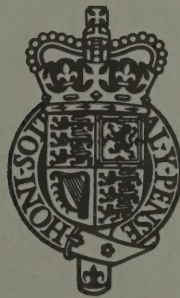


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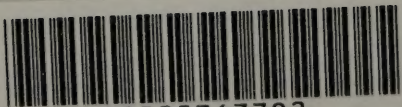


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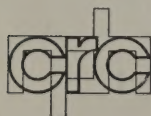
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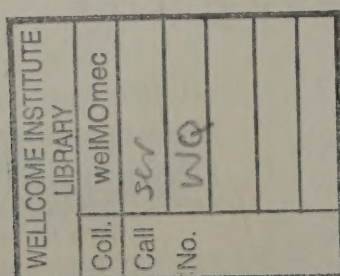
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EXPLANATORY NOTES

1. General

The Abortion Act 1967, which came into effect on 27th April 1968, permits termination of pregnancy by a registered medical practitioner subject to certain conditions. Regulations made under the Act (The Abortion Regulations 1968, Statutory Instrument 1968 no. 390 as amended by 1969 no. 636, in relation to England and Wales) require any such termination to be notified within seven days, in a form prescribed in Schedule 2 of the principal Regulations, to the Chief Medical Officer of the Department of Health and Social Security or to the Chief Medical Officer of the Welsh Office, according to where the termination takes place. By arrangement the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys undertakes the statistical processing and analysis of the notification forms. This supplement to the Registrar General's Statistical Review gives some statistics derived from them for England and Wales for 1971. The following paragraphs set out the background to these statistics and the definitions used in compiling them.

2. Conditions of the Act

A legally induced abortion must be

- (a) performed by a registered medical practitioner,
- (b) performed, except in emergency, in a National Health Service Hospital or in a place for the time being approved for the purpose of the Act,
- (c) certified by two registered medical practitioners as necessary on one or other of the grounds:
 1. the continuance of the pregnancy would involve risk to the life of the pregnant woman greater than if the pregnancy were terminated.
 2. the continuance of the pregnancy would involve risk of injury to the physical or mental health of the pregnant woman greater than if the pregnancy were terminated.
 3. the continuance of the pregnancy would involve risk of injury to the physical or mental health of any existing children of the family greater than if the pregnancy were terminated.
 4. there is a substantial risk that if the child were born it would suffer from such physical or mental abnormalities as to be seriously handicapped,or in emergency cases, certified by the operating practitioner as immediately necessary-
 5. to save the life of the pregnant woman, or
 6. to prevent grave permanent injury to the physical or mental health of the pregnant woman.

The above numbering of the grounds for termination appears in the notification form itself, and is used for brevity in the tables. Combinations of grounds are not infrequently recorded, and the tabulations distinguish two such: 2 and 4 together, and 3 with any others (usually 2 and/or 4). Where ground 1 is stated with any other, the case is treated as ground 1.

The Act provides that in relation to grounds numbered above as 2 and 3 the certifying practitioner may take account of the pregnant woman's actual or reasonably foreseeable environment.

3. Scope of data

The figures in the main tables are derived from notification forms received during 1971 and up to the end of January 1972 relating to legally induced abortions which took place in England and Wales in 1971.

The relative categories of the *International Classification of Diseases, Injuries, and Causes of Death, 8th Revision (1965)* are those numbered 640 (abortion induced for

medical indications) and 641 (abortion induced for other legal indications).

In table headings, 'All cases' signifies all terminations taking place in England and Wales, whatever the country of the woman's usual residence.

Tables 2, 4B, 7-11, 14, 16, 17, 18, 20 and 21, however, being primarily of demographic rather than medical interest, exclude abortions of women whose usual residence was stated to be outside England and Wales. These are shown separately in Tables 15A and B.

4. Rates

Tables 2A, B, and C, give annual abortion rates for England and Wales as a whole, for standard regions, area aggregates, and hospital regions according to the declared usual residence of the woman. The denominator is the estimated population of women in the age-range 15-49 at mid-1971. The marital status categories used in the denominator do not coincide with those used for the abortions. In the former, separated women are counted as married, whereas in the latter they are included with the divorced and widowed women. (see note 6). As population estimates by marital status for regions are not available, regional rates are age-specific only.

5. Place of Termination (type of premises)

Except in emergency, abortion operations must be carried out in N.H.S. hospitals, in certain approved Services' hospitals, or in other premises specifically approved by the Secretary of State. At the end of 1971 there were 56 such approved places, and 13 approved Services' hospitals. In the tables these latter hospitals are included under the heading 'Other Places'.

In 1971 no operation was recorded as having been performed as an emergency, in places other than those in the three categories of premises mentioned.

6. Age and Marital status

The notification form asks for the woman's date of birth and the age tabulated is that at the last birthday before the operation. The categories of marital status distinguished on the notification form are (a) single (b) married (c) widowed (d) divorced or separated. Except in Tables 8, 14 and 15A, the relatively small categories (c) and (d) are combined for tabulation purposes. This classification differs from that used for measuring the population estimates. (see note 4)

7. Parity

The form requires the number of the woman's previous (a) live births (b) stillbirths (c) abortions to be stated. In Tables 7, 9 and 10 analysis is by the number of previous live births, and in Tables 1A, 5 and 16C(i) by the number of live and stillbirths together. Answers under (c) are probably incomplete.

8. Previous Abortion

A question on the form about the date of the last termination of pregnancy under the Act enables cases of previous therapeutic abortion since 27th April 1968, to be identified. These are shown in Table 16C(iii) by the woman's age and hospital region of residence.

9. Method of Termination

Five main operative methods are listed on the form, with provision for specifying any other method. Where more than one is used, in Table 13 and 16C(iv) the case is classified under the major operation.

10. Gestation period

The form provides for a statement of the date of the last menstrual period as well as the date of operation. In accordance with international convention the gestation period is calculated as the number of completed weeks between these two dates. Where the l.m.p. is stated vaguely, for example as in 'early April' or 'third week in June', a guessed single date is inserted, such as 7th April and 22nd June. When no date is stated for a case it is included in the 'not stated' category.

11. Duration of stay

Duration of stay in hospital or approved place is tabulated as the interval in days between date of admission and date of discharge (the latter actual or expected). An interval of 0 days means admission and discharge on the same date. As notification forms should be completed and forwarded within seven days of operation, the tabulated durations are limited at the upper end to '7 days and over'. A date of discharge was not stated and could not be inferred in 10.2% of cases resident in England and Wales.

12. Region of operation

Hospitals and approved places are classified to the hospital region in which they are situated, except that London teaching hospitals are shown as a separate group. The composition of hospital regions in terms of entire local government areas is set out in the Registrar General's Statistical Review from year to year, e.g. the 1970 volume, Part II, pages xxix-xxxii.

13. Area of residence

Tables 2, 15A, 15B, 16, 17, and 18 are derived from the statement of the woman's usual address. In so far as temporary residence in England and Wales may sometimes be stated, instead of the true usual residence, figures in Tables 15A and 15B may be incomplete. Table 17 is limited to standard regions, hospital regions, conurbations, aggregates of types of area and local government areas with a resident population of 100,000 and over. Figures for smaller areas are not provided in the interests of preserving confidentiality.

The composition of standard regions and conurbations is set out in the Registrar General's Statistical Review from year to year, e.g. the 1970 volume, Part II, pages xiii-xvi

14. Sterilisation

Tables 4B, 10 and 11B provide analyses of cases where sterilisation accompanied the abortion operation, and Table 16B gives some additional figures for regions. Where no answer was provided to the question, it was assumed that sterilisation was not performed unless the nature of the operation implied the opposite; all women who were stated to have had hysterectomy have been counted among those sterilised.

15. Occupation

The form asks for the woman's occupation, or that of her husband if she is married. Unfortunately, the information provided under this heading is often incomplete or too vague or general to permit satisfactory classification. However, in view of the sociological interest, an attempt has been made to analyse the data in terms of groups of occupations, whether of the woman or her husband, which correspond (to some extent) with conventional social classes used in various of the Registrar General's publications. Since, however, assessment of job status is not always possible, the classification is not strictly that of social class. These groups of occupations, presented in Tables 8, 9, 10, 11, 15A, 18, 20, and 21, are:

Professional: e.g. doctors, architects, lecturers.

Intermediate: e.g. nurses, sales managers, entertainers.

Skilled: e.g. secretaries, salesmen, hairdressers.

Semi-skilled: e.g. waitresses, farm workers, telephonists.

Unskilled: e.g. kitchen hands, dock labourers, window cleaners.

Not classified: e.g. students, housewives, members of the armed forces, occupations inadequately described or not stated, unemployed.

16. Existing children

Tables 11A and B analyse the data according to the number of existing children living

in the woman's family. This is defined on the form as a woman's natural children and any adopted, foster or step-children up to the age of 16 years living with her.

17. Medical grounds

Questions 11(a) and (b) on the notification form ask about the medical condition of the woman in terms of any obstetric or non-obstetric disease found or reported and any suspected medical condition of the foetus. The answers are coded according to the *International Classification of Diseases, Injuries and Causes of Death, 8th Revision (1965)*, slightly adapted to the context of abortions. In particular, Category 307 (Transitional situational disturbances) is allocated as a residual group and includes general and miscellaneous terms and vague references to the mental state of the pregnant woman, e.g. mental health (risk to), mental illness (risk of), attempted suicide or tendency to suicide. Also included are disorders not specified as psychotic associated with other or unspecified physical conditions, which would otherwise be included in ICD 309.9. Two codes outside the range of the ICD, 649 and 669, have been added to accommodate certain reported conditions, as described in **Table 19**. The large variety of medical conditions reported are aggregated into significant groups of the International Classification (ICD) code numbers and presented in **Table 19**. This shows numbers of conditions stated and not numbers of cases.

18. Environmental and other conditions (non-medical)

Question 11(c) on the notification form asks about non-medical grounds for termination, pursuant to the statutory provision that certifying practitioners may take account of 'the pregnant woman's actual or reasonably foreseeable environment' in relation to statutory grounds 2 and 3. Apart from some cases where Question 11(c) was mistakenly answered by a reference back to the statutory grounds already stated, twenty nine per cent (36,571) of all cases included some information about social conditions. These were cited in most cases in addition to medical reasons. The reasons, as the practitioner has seen fit to record them, have been classified to broad social groupings which have been used in the analysis shown in **Table 12**. Where more than one condition was stated an arbitrary order of priority was used for selecting the condition to be considered.

19. Complications or death

The question under this heading relates to the occurrence of complications or death prior to notification of an abortion. Notification should be made within seven days and the notifying doctor may not hear of complications or death occurring after the patient has been discharged from the place of operation. Data available from answers to this question will, from time to time, be analysed and discussed and published in medical journals.

Deaths recorded on the forms totalled 14, including 3 deaths of women whose statement of usual residence on the form indicated they were not normally resident in England and Wales. On reference to the death certificate in each case it was found that the certifying practitioner or coroner had not necessarily attributed cause of death to the abortion operation but sometimes to the illness which was considered the underlying cause of death. Of the 11 deaths of resident women, in 7 cases, abortion was shown to be the underlying cause, whilst in the remaining 4, death was attributed to other conditions. The method of termination, period of gestation and age at death are presented in **Table 22**.

20. Provisional data

Current figures of legally induced abortions are published in the *Registrar General's Weekly and Quarterly Returns*. The Weekly Return periodically shows the provisional numbers of abortions notified in the preceding four or five weeks by (a) statutory grounds, age and marital status and (b) hospital region and place of termination. The Quarterly Return shows similar figures consolidated for the relative quarter and occasionally special analyses of other factors.

CORRECTIONS

Statistical Review, 1968: Supplement on Abortion

Explanatory Notes, Page iv
Parity, line 2,

line 3,

for In Tables 7, 9, 11 and 16b
read In Tables 7, 9 and 11
for In Tables 1d and 5
read In Tables 1d, 5 and 16b

Table 2(a), page 3, Rates

All aged 20-24
Married aged 20-24
All aged 25-34
Married aged 25-34

for 5.49 *read* 4.88
for 1.88 *read* 1.71
for 3.80 *read* 3.75
for 2.86 *read* 2.82

Table 2(b), page 4, Numbers

ENGLAND AND WALES aged 16-19
aged 25-34
Wales aged 16-19
aged 25-34

for 3,286 *read* 3,285
for 7,471 *read* 7,472
for 154 *read* 153
for 334 *read* 335

Statistical Review, 1969: Supplement on Abortion

Table 17, page 23

East Midlands, Other region, Non-N.H.S.
West Yorkshire, Other region, Non-N.H.S.
Greater London, Other region, Non-N.H.S.

for 628 *read* 528
for 258 *read* 248
for 4,818 *read* 3,818

page 24

Lincolnshire (Parts of Kesteven)
Administrative County

Place of operation
Home region *for* 16 *read* 3
Other region *for* 31 *read* 13

page 25

Stoke on Trent C.B.

Single *for* 74 *read* 75

Table 20, page 30

Statutory grounds, 3
Statutory grounds, 2 with 4

Others, Others *for* 154 *read* 156
Married, Others *for* 72 *read* 78

Table 21, page 31

Not stated, N.H.S. hospitals
3 days, Approved and Others

Married, Others *for* 15 *read* 8
Others, Others *for* 11 *read* 9

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Table 9, page 12

Not stated, All ages

for 1,580 *read* 751
for 33 *read* 16
for 175 *read* 100
for 443 *read* 251
for 140 *read* 56
for 47 *read* 13
for 742 *read* 315

Table 20, page 31

(1) Statutory grounds, 4

Total *for* 1,255 *read* 1,225

TABLES

TABLE 1A. Legally induced abortions by age of woman and:-

(SUMMARY) (i) marital status										
(ii) type of premises										
(iii) statutory grounds										
(iv) number of previous live and still born children										
(v) gestation weeks										
(vi) occupation group										
England and Wales, 1971										
All cases										
	All ages	Under 16	16-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 and over	Not stated
All legally induced abortions	126,777	2,618	22,872	34,247	23,653	19,581	14,639	6,299	591	2,277
(i) Marital status										
Single	61,036	2,618	21,888	24,501	7,537	2,305	920	243	25	999
Married	55,358	-	772	7,603	13,046	14,910	11,996	5,446	512	1,073
Widowed, divorced or separated	10,252	-	205	2,113	3,049	2,341	1,706	600	52	186
Not stated	131	-	7	30	21	25	17	10	2	19
(ii) Type of premises										
N H S hospitals	53,706	1,787	8,993	11,321	9,928	9,196	7,445	3,484	340	1,212
Approved places	72,786	821	13,834	22,879	13,667	10,326	7,162	2,795	248	1,054
Other places	285	10	45	47	58	59	32	20	3	11
(iii) Statutory grounds*										
1	2,539	42	311	522	447	505	428	208	31	45
2	96,837	2,504	21,636	29,493	16,468	12,016	8,850	3,819	361	1,690
3	4,220	16	175	734	1,034	1,025	804	308	19	105
4	1,375	8	164	323	390	268	140	45	9	28
5	10	-	-	2	2	2	-	2	-	2
6	12	-	-	3	3	5	-	1	-	-
2 with 4	1,108	20	102	193	216	203	181	140	28	25
3 with others	20,676	28	484	2,977	5,093	5,557	4,236	1,776	143	382
(iv) Number of previous live and still born children										
0	60,765	2,604	21,302	23,937	7,703	2,585	1,215	379	29	1,011
1	14,879	11	1,229	4,875	3,835	2,324	1,592	667	66	280
2	21,421	-	216	3,357	5,875	5,924	3,992	1,540	153	364
3	14,958	-	31	1,390	3,658	4,482	3,479	1,501	131	286
4	7,777	-	8	392	1,586	2,410	2,183	962	89	147
5 and over	6,245	-	2	89	852	1,737	2,092	1,216	120	137
Not stated	732	3	84	207	144	119	86	34	3	52
(v) Gestation weeks†										
Under 9 weeks	23,979	285	2,788	6,016	5,032	4,540	3,506	1,285	108	419
9 and under 13 weeks	71,399	1,376	13,206	19,704	13,186	10,824	8,056	3,495	307	1,245
13 weeks and over	28,323	881	6,426	7,818	4,841	3,716	2,702	1,356	158	425
Not stated	3,076	76	452	709	594	501	375	163	18	188
(vi) Occupation group										
Professional	3,218	1	88	569	846	875	543	222	24	50
Intermediate	18,919	14	1,683	5,927	4,220	3,246	2,379	1,057	96	297
Skilled	48,593	435	9,875	13,804	8,993	7,123	5,288	2,181	207	687
Semi-skilled	13,470	119	2,218	3,552	2,596	2,271	1,705	769	60	180
Unskilled	4,150	44	560	874	837	796	656	303	24	56
Not classified	38,427	2,005	8,448	9,521	6,161	5,270	4,068	1,767	180	1,007

* For statutory grounds see page 111.

† For definition of gestation weeks see page iv.

TABLE 1B. Legally induced abortions. Quarterly and annual notifications; annual occurrences for residents of (SERIAL) England and Wales and non-residents by type of premises; rates per 1,000 women aged 15-44 (residents)

England and Wales
1968-1971

Year	Notifications received					Occurrences reported					
	Quarter				Total	Total	Residents		Non-residents		Rates per 1,000 women 15-44 (residents)
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th			In N.H.S. Hospital	Non N.H.S.	In N.H.S. Hospital	Non N.H.S.	
1968 (8 months)	-	4,411	7,938	9,907	22,256	23,641	14,492	7,840	68	1,241	3.46
1969	11,342	13,116	13,871	15,828	54,157	54,819	33,562	16,267	166	4,824	5.26
1970	17,742	21,082	22,253	22,774	83,851	86,565	47,370	28,592	308	10,295	7.97
1971	22,808	31,202	34,449	38,315	126,774	126,777	53,455	41,115	251	31,956	9.98

TABLE 2A. Legally induced abortions by age and marital status, with rates per 1,000 women

England and Wales, 1971

Cases resident in England and Wales

Marital status	Under 15	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45 and over*	Not stated	Total 15 and over†
Numbers								
All	625	19,847	24,465	31,495	15,892	451	1,795	93,945
Married	-	591	5,640	20,745	13,319	393	848	41,536
Single	625	19,054	16,934	6,228	681	13	767	43,677
Widowed	-	5	59	328	330	12	10	744
Divorced/separated	-	191	1,808	4,161	1,535	31	151	7,877
Unknown	-	6	24	33	27	2	19	111
Rates‡								
All	-	12.09	13.20	10.40	5.59	0.29	-	15-44 9.98 15-49 8.59
Single	-	12.62	22.10	18.74	3.35	0.11	-	15.53 14.89
Married/widowed/divorced/separated	-	6.02	6.92	9.37	5.76	0.30	-	7.60 6.28

* Rates per 1,000 women aged 45-49.

† Including age not stated.

‡ Cases of unknown marital status are distributed proportionately.

TABLE 2B. Legally induced abortions by age and area of residence, with rates per 1,000 women

England and Wales, standard regions, Wales, conurbations, urban and rural aggregates 1971
Cases resident in England and Wales

Area of residence	All ages	Under 16	16-19*	20-24	25-34	35-44	45 and over†	Not stated	Total 16 and over‡
Numbers									
ENGLAND AND WALES	94,570	2,296	18,176	24,465	31,495	15,892	451	1,795	92,274
Standard regions:									
North	5,445	149	1,036	1,135	1,837	1,166	30	92	5,296
Yorkshire and Humberside	6,775	224	1,342	1,475	2,239	1,347	32	116	6,551
North West	10,134	214	2,008	2,472	3,365	1,873	42	160	9,920
East Midlands	5,017	176	1,059	1,072	1,629	990	32	59	4,841
West Midlands	9,767	238	2,179	2,424	3,154	1,605	40	127	9,529
East Anglia	3,098	99	588	715	1,057	587	19	33	2,999
South East	43,544	872	7,731	12,670	14,733	6,290	188	1,060	42,672
South West	5,992	205	1,334	1,359	1,860	1,067	37	130	5,787
Wales	4,798	119	899	1,143	1,621	967	31	18	4,679
Urban and rural aggregates:									
Conurbations	41,466	746	7,356	12,561	13,866	5,874	164	899	40,720
Areas outside conurbations:									
Urban areas with populations of 100,000 and over	11,907	357	2,495	3,085	3,715	2,008	53	194	11,550
Urban areas with populations of 50,000 and under 100,000	9,139	260	1,973	2,246	2,876	1,568	42	174	8,879
Urban areas with populations under 50,000	17,681	527	3,615	3,778	5,948	3,415	101	297	17,154
Rural districts	14,377	406	2,737	2,795	5,090	3,027	91	231	13,971
Rates									
ENGLAND AND WALES	-	-	11.08	13.20	10.40	5.59	0.29	-	8.44
Standard regions:									
North	-	-	8.76	9.51	9.43	5.89	0.28	-	7.17
Yorkshire and Humberside	-	-	8.26	8.27	7.76	4.85	0.21	-	6.17
North West	-	-	8.74	9.98	8.32	4.87	0.19	-	6.69
East Midlands	-	-	9.31	8.39	7.62	4.98	0.30	-	6.35
West Midlands	-	-	12.43	12.69	9.59	5.31	0.24	-	8.19
East Anglia	-	-	10.77	11.31	10.09	6.09	0.37	-	8.11
South East	-	-	13.60	18.20	13.27	6.19	0.34	-	10.81
South West	-	-	10.71	10.18	8.30	5.01	0.31	-	7.09
Wales	-	-	9.65	11.92	10.12	6.18	0.34	-	7.85
Urban and rural aggregates:									
Conurbations	-	-	13.35	19.17	14.04	6.36	0.31	-	11.18
Areas outside conurbations:									
Urban areas with populations of 100,000 and over	-	-	10.65	12.27	10.10	5.53	0.25	-	8.09
Urban areas with populations of 50,000 and under 100,000	-	-	11.76	12.29	9.95	5.52	0.27	-	8.21
Urban areas with populations under 50,000	-	-	10.19	9.50	8.76	5.39	0.29	-	7.12
Rural districts	-	-	8.23	7.63	7.21	4.73	0.27	-	5.88

* Rates per 1,000 women aged 15-19.

† Rates per 1,000 women aged 45-49.

‡ Rates per 1,000 women aged 15-49. Not stated ages included.

TABLE 2C. Legally induced abortions by age and area of residence, with rates per 1,000 women

England and Wales, hospital regions 1971

Cases resident in England and Wales

Area of residence	All ages	Under 16	16-19*	20-24	25-34	35-44	45 and over†	Not stated	Total 16 and over‡
Numbers									
ENGLAND AND WALES	94,570	2,296	18,176	24,465	31,495	15,892	451	1,795	92,274
Hospital regions:									
Newcastle	5,057	140	943	1,066	1,713	1,091	28	76	4,917
Leeds	4,393	133	911	965	1,404	893	15	72	4,260
Sheffield	6,962	242	1,398	1,488	2,317	1,363	47	107	6,720
East Anglian	3,277	105	623	752	1,115	626	20	36	3,172
North West Metropolitan	14,343	207	2,264	4,497	4,967	1,961	66	381	14,136
North East Metropolitan	6,782	129	1,245	1,728	2,280	1,129	30	241	6,653
South East Metropolitan	7,715	196	1,503	2,014	2,632	1,196	33	141	7,519
South West Metropolitan	9,683	170	1,645	3,258	3,217	1,141	31	221	9,513
Wessex	3,089	113	636	716	999	546	18	61	2,976
Oxford	3,335	114	732	739	1,107	580	17	46	3,221
South Western	5,146	175	1,168	1,184	1,577	904	32	106	4,971
Welsh	4,798	119	899	1,143	1,621	967	31	18	4,679
Birmingham	9,767	238	2,179	2,424	3,154	1,605	40	127	9,529
Manchester	7,095	167	1,409	1,715	2,356	1,308	28	112	6,928
Liverpool	3,128	48	621	776	1,036	582	15	50	3,080

Rates									
ENGLAND AND WALES	-	-	11.08	13.20	10.40	5.59	0.29	-	8.44
Hospital regions:									
Newcastle	-	-	8.56	9.58	9.50	5.95	0.28	-	7.17
Leeds	-	-	8.38	8.08	7.36	4.78	0.15	-	6.01
Sheffield	-	-	8.89	8.59	7.99	5.01	0.31	-	6.45
East Anglian	-	-	10.89	11.36	10.12	6.19	0.37	-	8.17
North West Metropolitan	-	-	16.22	24.49	17.59	7.84	0.49	-	14.27
North East Metropolitan	-	-	11.22	12.99	10.68	5.61	0.27	-	8.64
South East Metropolitan	-	-	13.23	15.30	12.33	5.93	0.29	-	9.71
South West Metropolitan	-	-	15.46	24.08	15.53	6.00	0.29	-	12.77
Wessex	-	-	9.70	9.72	8.10	4.76	0.29	-	6.77
Oxford	-	-	10.96	9.55	8.16	4.92	0.28	-	7.04
South Western	-	-	11.22	10.59	8.46	5.08	0.31	-	7.29
Welsh	-	-	9.65	11.92	10.12	6.18	0.34	-	7.85
Birmingham	-	-	12.43	12.69	9.59	5.31	0.24	-	8.19
Manchester	-	-	9.44	10.24	8.59	5.08	0.19	-	6.96
Liverpool	-	-	7.55	9.43	7.80	4.47	0.21	-	6.19

* Rates per 1,000 women aged 15-19.

† Rates per 1,000 women aged 45-49.

‡ Rates per 1,000 women aged 15-49, not stated ages included.

All cases

TABLE 3. Legally induced abortions by age,
type of premises and marital status

Type of premises and marital status	All ages	Under 16	16-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 and over	Not stated
All premises										
Total	126,777	2,618	22,872	34,247	23,653	19,581	14,639	6,299	591	2,277
Single	61,036	2,618	21,888	24,501	7,537	2,305	920	243	25	999
Married	55,358	-	772	7,603	13,046	14,910	11,996	5,446	512	1,073
Widowed/divorced/separated	10,252	-	205	2,113	3,049	2,341	1,706	600	52	186
Not stated	131	-	7	30	21	25	17	10	2	19
N.H.S. hospitals										
Total	53,706	1,787	8,993	11,321	9,928	9,196	7,445	3,484	340	1,212
Single	19,573	1,787	8,474	6,287	1,707	556	234	57	7	464
Married	28,513	-	375	3,786	6,632	7,409	6,306	3,091	297	619
Widowed/divorced/separated	5,538	-	145	1,256	1,575	1,218	893	327	34	112
Not stated	82	-	1	12	16	13	12	9	2	17
Approved places										
Total	72,786	821	13,834	22,879	13,667	10,326	7,162	2,795	248	1,054
Single	41,381	821	13,373	18,188	5,828	1,748	686	186	18	533
Married	26,648	-	395	3,797	6,361	7,444	5,659	2,335	212	445
Widowed/divorced/separated	4,708	-	60	876	1,473	1,122	812	273	18	74
Not stated	49	-	6	18	5	12	5	1	-	2
Other places										
Total	285	10	45	47	58	59	32	20	3	11
Single	82	10	41	26	2	1	-	-	-	2
Married	197	-	4	20	53	57	31	20	3	9
Widowed/divorced/separated	6	-	-	1	3	1	1	-	-	-
Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

All cases

TABLE 4A. Legally induced abortions by age,
statutory grounds and marital status

Statutory grounds*	Marital status	All ages	Under 16	16-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 and over	Not stated
1	Total	2,539	42	311	522	447	505	428	208	31	45
	Single	818	42	288	303	114	39	15	4	1	12
	Married	1,545	-	19	190	287	416	383	197	25	28
	Widowed/divorced/separated	172	-	4	29	46	49	28	7	5	4
	Not stated	4	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	1
2	Total	96,837	2,504	21,636	29,493	16,468	12,016	8,850	3,819	361	1,690
	Single	57,678	2,504	20,868	23,259	6,813	2,036	814	214	22	948
	Married	32,753	-	520	4,824	7,650	8,575	7,040	3,228	305	611
	Widowed/divorced/separated	6,305	-	141	1,385	1,691	1,388	983	367	32	118
	Not stated	101	-	7	25	14	17	13	10	2	13
3	Total	4,220	16	175	734	1,034	1,025	804	308	19	105
	Single	472	16	126	177	79	47	15	4	-	8
	Married	2,945	-	33	376	714	813	643	265	18	83
	Widowed/divorced/separated	797	-	16	181	239	163	146	39	1	12
	Not stated	6	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	2
4	Total	1,375	8	164	323	390	268	140	45	9	28
	Single	224	8	123	50	23	5	-	1	-	4
	Married	1,119	-	40	252	358	255	139	44	9	22
	Widowed/divorced/separated	30	-	1	9	9	8	1	-	-	2
	Not stated	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	Total	10	-	-	2	2	2	-	2	-	2
	Single	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
	Married	5	-	-	1	1	-	-	2	-	1
	Widowed/divorced/separated	3	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-
	Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6	Total	12	-	-	3	3	5	-	1	-	-
	Single	3	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	-
	Married	9	-	-	1	3	4	-	1	-	-
	Widowed/divorced/separated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 with 4	Total	1,108	20	102	193	216	203	181	140	28	25
	Single	259	20	93	92	24	13	10	1	-	6
	Married	790	-	9	88	169	180	166	134	28	16
	Widowed/divorced/separated	58	-	-	13	23	10	4	5	-	3
	Not stated	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
3 with others	Total	20,676	28	484	2,977	5,093	5,557	4,236	1,776	143	382
	Single	1,580	28	290	607	384	164	66	19	2	20
	Married	16,192	-	151	1,871	3,864	4,667	3,625	1,575	127	312
	Widowed/divorced/separated	2,887	-	43	496	840	721	544	182	14	47
	Not stated	17	-	-	3	5	5	1	-	-	3

* For statutory grounds see page 111.

England and Wales, 1971
Cases resident in England and Wales

Statutory grounds*	Type of premises	Total	Gestation weeks†												
			Under 9	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17-19	20-23	24 and over	Not stated
Total	N H S														
	Sterilised	14,193	1,138	1,337	1,840	1,948	1,911	1,676	1,273	929	591	811	183	40	516
	Not sterilised	39,262	5,226	5,296	6,615	6,500	5,013	3,219	1,831	1,217	984	1,488	393	52	1,428
	Non N H S														
1	Sterilised	269	59	39	30	30	29	15	14	16	4	10	12	-	11
	Not sterilised	40,846	9,277	6,445	6,739	6,326	4,649	2,840	1,589	916	521	639	145	22	738
	Non N H S														
	Sterilised	16	7	-	2	2	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
2	Not sterilised	375	92	58	64	67	41	22	9	4	2	3	3	-	10
	N H S														
	Sterilised	7,816	666	764	1,011	1,099	1,055	892	660	504	346	420	109	19	271
	Not sterilised	29,360	3,851	3,886	4,973	4,870	3,778	2,464	1,411	919	758	1,144	284	33	989
3	Non N H S														
	Sterilised	156	34	28	18	13	17	8	7	8	3	8	6	-	6
	Not sterilised	34,111	7,604	5,370	5,638	5,336	3,914	2,408	1,363	785	437	546	121	20	569
	N H S														
4	Sterilised	1,484	93	129	209	189	211	199	149	100	44	83	5	5	68
	Not sterilised	2,432	322	365	441	419	310	183	99	63	45	73	16	2	96
	Non N H S														
	Sterilised	14	6	2	4	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
5	Not sterilised	210	53	43	38	24	20	12	6	2	1	3	-	-	8
	N H S														
	Sterilised	266	24	22	32	27	33	38	24	20	3	24	2	1	16
	Not sterilised	1,014	136	114	135	132	126	90	60	47	42	69	23	4	38
6	Non N H S														
	Sterilised	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
	Not sterilised	45	14	5	1	5	6	3	5	2	-	1	-	-	3
	N H S														
7	Sterilised	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Not sterilised	8	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	3	3	-
	Non N H S														
	Sterilised	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8	Not sterilised	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	N H S														
	Sterilised	4	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
	Not sterilised	5	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9	Non N H S														
	Sterilised	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Not sterilised	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2 and 4	N H S													
10	Sterilised	296	25	25	39	40	46	32	24	22	8	15	9	-	11
	Not sterilised	433	62	53	63	71	45	40	20	17	11	18	8	2	23
	Non N H S														
	Sterilised	6	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	1
11	Not sterilised	175	35	29	31	16	27	12	7	2	3	6	3	-	4
	N H S														
	Sterilised	3,655	272	339	453	501	488	448	340	245	158	232	42	10	127
	Not sterilised	5,189	714	757	860	895	657	383	213	150	108	160	49	4	239
12	Non N H S														
	Sterilised	75	11	9	6	13	10	5	7	7	1	2	3	-	1
	Not sterilised	5,929	1,478	940	967	878	641	383	199	121	78	80	18	2	144

* For statutory grounds see page 111.

† For definition of gestation weeks see page iv.

TABLE 5. Legally induced abortions by age, number of previous live and still born children and marital status.

All cases

Previous live and still born children	Marital status	All ages	Under 16	16-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 and over	Not stated
0	Total	60,765	2,604	21,302	23,937	7,703	2,585	1,215	379	29	1,011
	Single	55,186	2,604	20,976	21,975	6,133	1,753	677	176	13	879
	Married	3,980	-	270	1,477	1,030	570	370	161	14	88
	Widowed/divorced/separated	1,557	-	49	466	539	257	165	42	2	37
	Not stated	42	-	7	19	1	5	3	-	-	7
1	Total	14,879	11	1,229	4,875	3,835	2,324	1,592	667	66	280
	Single	4,321	11	762	1,987	992	332	124	33	5	75
	Married	7,706	-	344	2,019	2,010	1,451	1,167	515	53	147
	Widowed/divorced/separated	2,829	-	123	862	827	534	300	118	8	57
	Not stated	23	-	-	7	6	7	1	1	-	1
2	Total	21,421	-	216	3,357	5,875	5,924	3,992	1,540	153	364
	Single	757	-	62	291	216	99	58	13	3	15
	Married	17,869	-	127	2,522	4,763	5,163	3,464	1,388	135	307
	Widowed/divorced/separated	2,773	-	27	543	888	659	465	138	15	38
	Not stated	22	-	-	1	8	3	5	1	-	4
3	Total	14,958	-	31	1,390	3,658	4,482	3,479	1,501	131	286
	Single	269	-	8	91	77	57	26	5	3	2
	Married	13,111	-	20	1,133	3,118	3,980	3,135	1,360	117	248
	Widowed/divorced/separated	1,562	-	3	165	461	442	315	133	10	33
	Not stated	16	-	-	1	2	3	3	3	1	3
4	Total	7,777	-	8	392	1,586	2,410	2,183	962	89	147
	Single	115	-	1	21	43	29	15	3	-	3
	Married	6,846	-	7	321	1,336	2,150	1,937	886	80	129
	Widowed/divorced/separated	807	-	-	49	205	230	228	72	9	14
	Not stated	9	-	-	1	2	1	3	1	-	1
5	Total	3,338	-	2	70	610	972	1,050	515	43	76
	Single	65	-	-	10	25	17	7	4	-	2
	Married	2,931	-	1	54	509	844	942	471	41	69
	Widowed/divorced/separated	334	-	1	6	75	109	100	37	2	4
	Not stated	8	-	-	-	1	2	1	3	-	1
6	Total	1,577	-	-	16	182	457	563	293	36	30
	Single	24	-	-	2	7	3	8	4	-	-
	Married	1,399	-	-	13	153	403	502	267	32	29
	Widowed/divorced/separated	151	-	-	1	22	50	52	22	4	-
	Not stated	3	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1
7	Total	703	-	-	2	40	188	256	183	17	17
	Single	7	-	-	1	2	3	-	1	-	-
	Married	609	-	-	1	32	156	220	167	16	17
	Widowed/divorced/separated	87	-	-	-	6	29	36	15	1	-
	Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8	Total	322	-	-	1	10	73	109	111	11	7
	Single	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-
	Married	284	-	-	-	8	63	98	97	11	7
	Widowed/divorced/separated	36	-	-	1	2	9	11	13	-	-
	Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9 and over	Total	305	-	-	-	10	47	114	114	13	7
	Single	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	Married	277	-	-	-	9	45	98	106	12	7
	Widowed/divorced/separated	27	-	-	-	1	2	16	7	1	-
	Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Not stated	Total	732	3	84	207	144	119	86	34	3	52
	Single	289	3	79	123	42	11	5	2	1	23
	Married	346	-	3	63	78	85	63	28	1	25
	Widowed/divorced/separated	89	-	2	20	23	20	18	3	-	3
	Not stated	8	-	-	1	1	3	-	1	1	1

TABLE 6. Legally induced abortions by age,
gestation weeks and marital status

England and Wales, 1971

All cases

Gestation weeks* and marital status	All ages	Under 16	16-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 and over	Not stated
Under 9 weeks										
Total	23,979	285	2,788	6,016	5,032	4,540	3,506	1,285	108	419
Single	10,562	285	2,669	4,606	1,885	633	254	56	5	169
Married	11,614	-	103	1,157	2,599	3,467	2,863	1,117	94	214
Widowed/divorced/separated	1,785	-	16	248	546	435	386	111	9	34
Not stated	18	-	-	5	2	5	3	1	-	2
9 and under 13 weeks										
Total	71,399	1,376	13,206	19,704	13,186	10,824	8,056	3,495	307	1,245
Single	34,642	1,376	12,674	14,128	4,132	1,179	469	131	12	541
Married	30,965	-	422	4,355	7,307	8,331	6,658	3,034	266	592
Widowed/divorced/separated	5,719	-	105	1,206	1,732	1,304	917	322	28	105
Not stated	73	-	5	15	15	10	12	8	1	7
13 weeks and over										
Total	28,323	881	6,426	7,818	4,841	3,716	2,702	1,356	158	425
Single	14,654	881	6,133	5,357	1,385	444	177	54	6	217
Married	11,171	-	216	1,854	2,765	2,727	2,158	1,149	136	166
Widowed/divorced/separated	2,467	-	75	598	688	536	365	153	15	37
Not stated	31	-	2	9	3	9	2	-	1	5
Not stated										
Total	3,076	76	452	709	594	501	375	163	18	188
Single	1,178	76	412	410	135	49	20	2	2	72
Married	1,608	-	31	237	375	385	317	146	16	101
Widowed/divorced/separated	281	-	9	61	83	66	38	14	-	10
Not stated	9	-	-	1	1	1	-	1	-	5

* For definition of gestation weeks see page iv.

TABLE 7A. Legally induced abortions: all women
by number of previous live born children and by age

England and Wales, 1971

Cases resident in England and Wales

Age	Total	Number of previous live born children								
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7 and over	Not stated
All ages	94,570	43,413	10,383	16,307	12,092	6,506	2,813	1,327	1,129	600
11	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12	16	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
13	77	77	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
14	529	527	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Under 15	625	623	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15	1,671	1,659	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
16	3,465	3,384	58	3	-	1	-	-	-	19
17	4,426	4,207	180	22	1	2	1	-	-	13
18	5,193	4,801	326	42	5	1	-	-	-	18
19	5,092	4,430	485	131	22	2	1	-	-	21
Under 20	20,472	19,104	1,059	198	28	6	2	-	-	75
20	5,132	4,135	626	287	63	3	-	-	-	18
21	5,003	3,698	675	420	146	23	5	-	-	36
22	5,002	3,339	748	579	240	61	5	2	-	28
23	4,696	2,732	790	671	328	103	25	2	1	44
24	4,632	2,312	786	823	467	168	27	8	1	40
20- 24	24,465	16,216	3,625	2,780	1,244	358	62	12	2	166
25	3,791	1,538	626	847	483	190	62	6	5	34
26	3,609	1,165	578	904	589	234	88	30	3	18
27	3,477	952	537	910	629	261	122	33	7	26
28	3,369	687	449	966	717	339	145	34	12	20
29	3,046	513	379	919	657	358	136	48	22	14
25- 29	17,292	4,855	2,569	4,546	3,075	1,382	553	151	49	112
30	2,939	412	342	894	691	363	133	66	27	11
31	2,887	312	302	863	711	415	140	69	54	21
32	2,943	298	265	885	740	412	186	90	45	22
33	2,768	258	260	828	698	407	163	79	64	11
34	2,666	203	246	745	671	433	167	93	78	30
30- 34	14,203	1,483	1,415	4,215	3,511	2,030	789	397	268	95
35	2,656	211	240	742	671	407	182	106	83	14
36	2,450	162	232	656	589	436	182	94	86	13
37	2,145	146	198	588	528	327	199	74	70	15
38	1,949	115	196	528	473	298	149	96	76	18
39	1,823	110	171	453	451	295	159	83	91	10
35- 39	11,023	744	1,037	2,967	2,712	1,763	871	453	406	70
40	1,604	82	144	416	389	249	135	73	104	12
41	1,371	72	131	337	325	220	116	71	90	9
42	927	40	70	221	231	154	88	47	73	3
43	612	28	52	142	135	99	66	40	45	5
44	355	15	31	75	86	50	35	28	32	3
40- 44	4,869	237	428	1,191	1,166	772	440	259	344	32
45	225	4	20	63	54	33	17	13	18	3
46	115	7	12	25	25	21	8	8	9	-
47	59	1	6	16	14	11	7	3	1	-
48	27	2	4	7	6	2	2	2	2	-
45- 48	426	14	42	111	99	67	34	26	30	3
49 and over	25	1	3	5	6	3	1	3	3	-
Not stated	1,795	759	205	294	251	125	61	26	27	47

TABLE 7B. Legally induced abortions: married
women by number of previous live born children and by age

England and Wales, 1971

Cases resident in England and Wales

Age	Total	Number of previous live born children								
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7 and over	Not stated
All ages	41,536	2,612	4,687	13,253	10,430	5,664	2,446	1,173	986	285
16	11	4	6	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
17	85	29	39	12	1	2	1	-	-	1
18	169	56	84	24	3	1	-	-	-	1
19	326	100	133	77	14	1	-	-	-	1
Under 20	591	189	262	113	18	5	1	-	-	3
20	578	142	192	186	51	3	-	-	-	4
21	804	172	208	284	111	21	3	-	-	5
22	1,120	210	248	411	189	45	3	2	-	12
23	1,399	233	281	494	274	83	19	2	-	13
24	1,739	226	309	643	377	137	21	6	-	20
20- 24	5,640	983	1,238	2,018	1,002	289	46	10	-	54
25	1,734	184	279	650	388	155	52	3	3	20
26	1,905	159	250	699	503	188	68	24	3	11
27	2,019	149	250	732	532	211	94	31	6	14
28	2,145	99	223	752	605	286	130	30	10	10
29	2,042	75	184	749	545	308	118	37	18	8
25- 29	9,845	666	1,186	3,582	2,573	1,148	462	125	40	63
30	2,125	83	183	741	594	323	112	58	24	7
31	2,146	58	149	721	624	363	115	58	44	14
32	2,283	79	150	761	648	354	160	79	37	15
33	2,194	72	166	708	613	359	144	69	54	9
34	2,152	66	149	640	587	389	145	86	68	22
30- 34	10,900	358	797	3,571	3,066	1,788	676	350	227	67
35	2,119	52	170	620	581	358	159	98	71	10
36	2,003	50	162	574	534	380	154	74	68	7
37	1,768	53	136	501	469	289	183	65	62	10
38	1,640	40	147	454	425	268	135	89	69	13
39	1,538	48	123	401	401	258	141	77	80	9
35- 39	9,068	243	738	2,550	2,410	1,553	772	403	350	49
40	1,380	34	106	372	347	230	120	68	92	11
41	1,189	33	97	301	300	204	103	62	82	7
42	828	23	57	207	209	139	81	43	67	2
43	543	17	43	127	119	91	64	38	40	4
44	311	6	25	65	78	48	33	24	30	2
40- 44	4,251	113	328	1,072	1,053	712	401	235	311	26
45	198	3	17	57	48	28	17	11	16	1
46	100	3	9	23	24	19	7	6	9	-
47	52	-	5	14	12	11	6	3	1	-
48	23	1	4	5	6	1	2	2	2	-
45- 48	373	7	35	99	90	59	32	22	28	1
49 and over	20	-	1	5	4	3	1	3	3	-
Not stated	848	53	102	243	214	107	55	25	27	22

TABLE 7C. Legally induced abortions: single women by number of previous live born children and by age

Cases resident in England and Wales

Age	Total	Number of previous live born children								
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7 and over	Not stated
All ages	44,302	39,552	3,443	642	236	107	61	22	9	230
11	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12	16	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
13	77	77	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
14	529	527	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Under 15	625	623	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15	1,671	1,659	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
16	3,447	3,378	47	3	-	-	-	-	-	19
17	4,328	4,174	132	10	-	-	-	-	-	12
18	4,972	4,726	217	11	2	-	-	-	-	16
19	4,636	4,303	274	34	5	1	-	-	-	19
Under 20	19,679	18,863	680	58	7	1	-	-	-	70
20	4,349	3,950	329	51	6	-	-	-	-	13
21	3,907	3,464	337	57	18	-	2	-	-	29
22	3,492	3,032	366	48	21	9	2	-	-	14
23	2,827	2,417	311	53	14	3	4	-	-	25
24	2,359	1,970	289	47	27	7	3	1	1	14
20- 24	16,934	14,833	1,632	256	86	19	11	1	1	95
25	1,559	1,261	215	45	16	6	3	1	1	11
26	1,168	909	179	39	16	11	7	2	-	5
27	938	721	158	31	10	6	6	1	-	5
28	692	509	104	39	18	12	3	1	-	6
29	513	372	88	28	11	7	2	2	1	2
25- 29	4,870	3,772	744	182	71	42	21	7	2	29
30	394	282	62	24	15	3	7	-	-	1
31	322	226	63	16	12	2	2	-	-	1
32	272	184	38	24	6	10	3	1	3	3
33	205	147	36	6	6	5	1	1	1	2
34	165	113	21	14	3	7	3	1	-	3
30- 34	1,358	952	220	84	42	27	16	3	4	10
35	178	124	19	14	10	4	4	1	-	2
36	132	77	27	10	7	3	4	3	-	1
37	100	73	11	8	4	1	-	2	-	1
38	77	49	16	6	1	4	-	1	-	-
39	59	44	10	4	-	1	-	-	-	-
35- 39	546	367	83	42	22	13	8	7	-	4
40	55	36	13	-	1	-	1	2	1	1
41	38	27	5	1	2	-	2	-	-	1
42	21	13	2	1	-	1	1	2	1	-
43	11	8	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
44	10	7	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
40- 44	135	91	22	5	4	1	4	4	2	2
45	3	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
46	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
47	3	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
48	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45- 48	10	6	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	1
49 and over	3	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Not stated	767	667	60	14	2	4	1	-	-	19

TABLE 8. Legally induced abortions by age,
occupation group and marital status

England and Wales, 1971

Cases resident in England and Wales

Occupation group	Marital status	All ages	Under 16	16-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 and over	Not stated
All groups	Total	94,570	2,296	18,176	24,465	17,292	14,203	11,023	4,869	451	1,795
	Single	44,302	2,296	17,383	16,934	4,870	1,358	546	135	13	767
	Married	41,536	-	591	5,640	9,845	10,900	9,068	4,251	393	848
	Widowed	744	-	5	59	148	180	213	117	12	10
	Divorced/separated	7,877	-	191	1,808	2,411	1,750	1,179	356	31	151
	Not known	111	-	6	24	18	15	17	10	2	19
Professional	Total	1,976	1	38	333	521	533	349	155	18	28
	Single	341	1	30	153	104	35	11	2	-	5
	Married	1,555	-	8	166	390	476	326	150	17	22
	Widowed	3	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-
	Divorced/separated	77	-	-	14	27	21	12	1	1	1
	Not known	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Intermediate	Total	13,266	12	1,364	4,257	2,800	2,131	1,661	755	66	220
	Single	6,979	12	1,308	3,657	1,380	339	115	36	4	128
	Married	5,485	-	45	491	1,168	1,584	1,398	665	60	74
	Widowed	76	-	-	3	22	14	22	14	-	1
	Divorced/separated	712	-	10	102	227	193	124	40	1	15
	Not known	14	-	1	4	3	1	2	-	1	2
Skilled	Total	35,711	400	8,228	9,813	6,232	4,914	3,823	1,641	152	508
	Single	18,467	400	7,968	7,210	1,877	492	204	50	2	264
	Married	14,865	-	208	2,054	3,656	3,933	3,227	1,454	135	198
	Widowed	166	-	-	14	29	40	48	29	4	2
	Divorced/separated	2,192	-	48	527	670	446	341	107	11	42
	Not known	21	-	4	8	-	3	3	1	-	2
Semi-skilled	Total	10,995	111	1,972	2,853	2,131	1,739	1,367	627	47	148
	Single	4,865	111	1,866	1,901	603	203	83	23	3	72
	Married	5,106	-	84	745	1,237	1,320	1,088	530	40	62
	Widowed	95	-	1	5	14	19	35	16	2	1
	Divorced/separated	920	-	21	199	275	196	161	53	2	13
	Not known	9	-	-	3	2	1	-	3	-	-
Unskilled	Total	3,531	42	501	751	714	665	534	259	20	45
	Single	911	42	437	283	74	36	19	6	1	13
	Married	2,339	-	49	405	570	575	462	232	17	29
	Widowed	25	-	-	1	4	6	7	6	1	-
	Divorced/separated	256	-	15	62	66	48	46	15	1	3
	Not known	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
*Not classified	Total	29,091	1,730	6,073	6,458	4,894	4,221	3,289	1,432	148	846
	Single	12,739	1,730	5,774	3,730	832	253	114	18	3	285
	Married	12,186	-	197	1,779	2,824	3,012	2,567	1,220	124	463
	Widowed	379	-	4	36	79	100	101	48	5	6
	Divorced/separated	3,720	-	97	904	1,146	846	495	140	15	77
	Not known	67	-	1	9	13	10	12	6	1	15

* Main components of the 'not classified' group in the above table are:

Occupation	Total	Single	Married	Others
Not stated	13,111	4,216	7,270	1,625
Not occupied or student	8,635	7,977	476	182
Housewife	6,681	440	3,906	2,335

TABLE 9. Legally induced abortions by age, number of previous live born children and occupation group

England and Wales, 1971

Cases resident in England and Wales

Previous live born children	Occupation group	All ages	Under 16	16-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 and over	Not stated
Total	Total	94,570	2,296	18,176	24,465	17,292	14,203	11,023	4,869	451	1,795
	Professional	1,976	1	38	333	521	533	349	155	18	28
	Intermediate	13,266	12	1,364	4,257	2,800	2,131	1,661	755	66	220
	Skilled	35,711	400	8,228	9,813	6,232	4,914	3,823	1,641	152	508
	Semi-skilled	10,995	111	1,972	2,853	2,131	1,739	1,367	627	47	148
	Unskilled	3,531	42	501	751	714	665	534	259	20	45
	Not classified	29,091	1,730	6,073	6,458	4,894	4,221	3,289	1,432	148	846
0	Total	43,413	2,282	16,822	16,216	4,855	1,483	744	237	15	759
	Professional	550	1	33	235	178	64	23	8	1	7
	Intermediate	7,040	12	1,296	3,601	1,405	374	154	63	4	131
	Skilled	18,499	397	7,794	7,052	1,950	620	319	91	6	270
	Semi-skilled	4,579	110	1,783	1,761	564	165	100	28	1	67
	Unskilled	836	42	417	254	61	22	20	8	1	11
	Not classified	11,909	1,720	5,499	3,313	697	238	128	39	2	273
1	Total	10,383	10	1,049	3,625	2,569	1,415	1,037	428	45	205
	Professional	231	-	4	40	90	49	35	9	1	3
	Intermediate	1,425	-	49	397	438	249	178	79	7	28
	Skilled	3,720	3	351	1,337	902	490	405	166	18	48
	Semi-skilled	1,335	-	149	466	333	175	128	58	6	20
	Unskilled	346	-	58	139	55	45	30	13	1	5
	Not classified	3,326	7	438	1,246	751	407	261	103	12	101
2	Total	16,307	-	198	2,780	4,546	4,215	2,967	1,191	116	294
	Professional	611	-	1	49	158	215	118	56	6	8
	Intermediate	2,307	-	10	175	578	732	553	216	19	24
	Skilled	5,526	-	45	880	1,611	1,427	1,049	399	39	76
	Semi-skilled	1,928	-	33	388	536	490	318	130	14	19
	Unskilled	672	-	20	172	176	152	98	46	3	5
	Not classified	5,263	-	89	1,116	1,487	1,199	831	344	35	162
3	Total	12,092	-	28	1,244	3,075	3,511	2,712	1,166	105	251
	Professional	365	-	-	7	68	140	98	45	3	4
	Intermediate	1,436	-	1	44	242	467	439	208	14	21
	Skilled	4,089	-	7	364	1,089	1,235	905	394	36	59
	Semi-skilled	1,482	-	4	174	401	414	334	130	9	16
	Unskilled	667	-	3	129	195	153	128	46	4	9
	Not classified	4,053	-	13	526	1,080	1,102	808	343	39	142
4	Total	6,506	-	6	358	1,382	2,030	1,763	772	70	125
	Professional	149	-	-	-	18	55	51	15	6	4
	Intermediate	633	-	1	8	82	212	197	110	13	10
	Skilled	2,080	-	1	104	439	664	574	260	17	21
	Semi-skilled	915	-	-	42	187	287	257	128	4	10
	Unskilled	443	-	-	46	119	134	95	40	4	5
	Not classified	2,286	-	4	158	537	678	589	219	26	75
5	Total	2,813	-	2	62	553	789	871	440	35	61
	Professional	43	-	-	-	3	6	19	13	-	2
	Intermediate	213	-	-	5	29	53	76	44	3	3
	Skilled	880	-	1	12	155	267	289	132	13	11
	Semi-skilled	358	-	-	4	75	101	110	58	3	7
	Unskilled	272	-	-	6	72	75	70	43	1	5
	Not classified	1,047	-	1	35	219	287	307	150	15	33
6	Total	1,327	-	-	12	151	397	453	259	29	26
	Professional	11	-	-	1	-	1	3	5	1	-
	Intermediate	78	-	-	-	4	22	31	17	3	1
	Skilled	408	-	-	6	42	105	152	81	13	9
	Semi-skilled	181	-	-	1	14	67	54	39	4	2
	Unskilled	148	-	-	3	25	48	38	29	3	2
	Not classified	501	-	-	1	66	154	175	88	5	12
7 and over	Total	1,129	-	-	2	49	268	406	344	33	27
	Professional	5	-	-	-	-	1	1	3	-	-
	Intermediate	52	-	-	-	1	11	22	15	3	-
	Skilled	327	-	-	-	12	78	115	108	10	4
	Semi-skilled	163	-	-	-	8	31	61	55	5	3
	Unskilled	134	-	-	-	9	33	53	34	3	2
	Not classified	448	-	-	2	19	114	154	129	12	18
Not stated	Total	600	4	71	166	112	95	70	32	3	47
	Professional	11	-	-	1	6	2	1	1	-	-
	Intermediate	82	-	7	27	21	11	11	3	-	2
	Skilled	182	-	29	58	32	28	15	10	-	10
	Semi-skilled	54	1	3	17	13	9	5	1	1	4
	Unskilled	13	-	3	2	2	3	2	-	-	1
	Not classified	258	3	29	61	38	42	36	17	2	30

TABLE 10. Legally induced abortions with sterilisation: age by number of previous live born children and occupation group

Cases resident in England and Wales

Previous live born children	Occupation group	All ages	Under 16	16-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 and over	Not stated
Total	Total	14,462	-	36	835	2,835	4,172	4,086	2,044	196	258
	Professional	258	-	-	8	39	80	85	39	7	-
	Intermediate	1,228	-	1	25	157	369	410	228	25	13
	Skilled	4,759	-	12	257	961	1,397	1,358	658	67	49
	Semi-skilled	1,823	-	6	92	364	532	508	277	27	17
	Unskilled	1,056	-	1	82	257	294	260	146	5	11
	Not classified	5,338	-	16	371	1,057	1,500	1,465	696	65	168
0	Total	231	-	21	48	23	57	44	33	3	2
	Professional	5	-	-	1	-	2	-	2	-	-
	Intermediate	26	-	-	2	2	7	10	4	1	-
	Skilled	74	-	6	14	3	21	16	11	2	1
	Semi-skilled	30	-	4	5	5	6	5	4	-	1
	Unskilled	8	-	1	3	-	3	1	-	-	-
	Not classified	88	-	10	23	13	18	12	12	-	-
1	Total	613	-	3	49	98	138	184	114	14	13
	Professional	15	-	-	-	1	4	8	2	-	-
	Intermediate	76	-	-	4	9	18	25	16	2	2
	Skilled	212	-	2	17	32	47	63	43	5	3
	Semi-skilled	65	-	-	3	8	15	22	15	2	-
	Unskilled	22	-	-	3	4	5	6	3	-	1
	Not classified	223	-	1	22	44	49	60	35	5	7
2	Total	3,196	-	9	254	692	923	859	375	45	39
	Professional	93	-	-	4	18	32	27	11	1	-
	Intermediate	350	-	1	10	62	115	107	47	7	1
	Skilled	1,100	-	2	77	255	308	307	125	17	9
	Semi-skilled	382	-	2	28	85	119	99	40	8	1
	Unskilled	158	-	-	26	29	48	32	23	-	-
	Not classified	1,113	-	4	109	243	301	287	129	12	28
3	Total	4,044	-	1	294	943	1,168	1,035	492	43	68
	Professional	83	-	-	3	14	28	24	13	1	-
	Intermediate	382	-	-	4	47	124	116	80	4	7
	Skilled	1,412	-	1	96	348	418	349	171	15	14
	Semi-skilled	495	-	-	41	127	142	124	54	5	2
	Unskilled	250	-	-	29	86	53	55	25	1	1
	Not classified	1,422	-	-	121	321	403	367	149	17	44
4	Total	3,031	-	-	148	628	960	852	362	28	53
	Professional	38	-	-	-	4	10	18	1	5	-
	Intermediate	227	-	-	3	24	70	87	37	4	2
	Skilled	992	-	-	46	205	330	279	117	8	7
	Semi-skilled	399	-	-	12	79	123	109	68	3	5
	Unskilled	238	-	-	17	70	76	53	19	-	3
	Not classified	1,137	-	-	70	246	351	306	120	8	36
5	Total	1,624	-	1	28	315	452	505	263	22	38
	Professional	20	-	-	-	2	3	8	7	-	-
	Intermediate	94	-	-	2	10	17	36	26	3	-
	Skilled	483	-	-	2	84	147	163	74	7	6
	Semi-skilled	222	-	-	2	45	64	69	35	2	5
	Unskilled	178	-	-	3	46	51	43	32	-	3
	Not classified	627	-	1	19	128	170	186	89	10	24
6	Total	867	-	-	7	89	258	308	170	15	20
	Professional	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
	Intermediate	39	-	-	-	2	10	14	10	2	1
	Skilled	263	-	-	5	27	70	102	48	5	6
	Semi-skilled	105	-	-	1	6	34	36	24	3	1
	Unskilled	103	-	-	1	15	35	31	18	2	1
	Not classified	355	-	-	-	39	109	125	68	3	11
7 and over	Total	775	-	-	2	36	190	280	225	25	17
	Professional	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-
	Intermediate	31	-	-	-	1	6	14	8	2	-
	Skilled	207	-	-	-	7	50	75	65	8	2
	Semi-skilled	116	-	-	-	6	25	43	37	4	1
	Unskilled	95	-	-	-	7	22	37	26	2	1
	Not classified	324	-	-	2	15	86	111	88	9	13
Not stated	Total	81	-	1	5	11	26	19	10	1	8
	Professional	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Intermediate	3	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	-
	Skilled	16	-	1	-	-	6	4	4	-	1
	Semi-skilled	9	-	-	-	3	4	1	-	-	1
	Unskilled	4	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	1
	Not classified	49	-	-	5	8	13	11	6	1	5

TABLE 11A. Legally induced abortions by number of existing children, marital status and occupation group

England and Wales, 1971
Cases resident in England and Wales

Marital status and occupation group	Existing children												
	Total	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 and over	Not stated
All													
Total	94,570	44,807	9,814	16,218	11,648	6,166	2,590	1,181	520	223	80	73	1,250
Professional	1,976	571	230	603	344	145	39	12	2	-	-	1	29
Intermediate	13,266	7,238	1,296	2,291	1,367	592	203	69	21	10	4	4	171
Skilled	35,711	19,081	3,435	5,483	3,959	1,949	802	355	161	45	26	22	393
Semi-skilled	10,995	4,774	1,273	1,938	1,411	851	328	155	76	37	12	8	132
Unskilled	5,531	885	343	689	642	437	257	135	58	22	8	8	47
Not classified	29,091	12,258	3,237	5,214	3,925	2,192	961	455	202	109	30	30	478
Single													
Total	44,302	40,240	2,800	557	208	98	50	15	7	1	-	-	326
Professional	341	324	12	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Intermediate	6,979	6,460	367	49	8	10	5	1	1	-	-	-	58
Skilled	18,467	17,239	943	110	24	9	5	-	1	-	-	-	136
Semi-skilled	4,865	4,264	419	86	34	10	12	2	1	1	-	-	36
Unskilled	911	778	83	20	13	5	4	4	1	-	-	-	3
Not classified	12,739	11,175	956	291	128	64	24	8	3	-	-	-	90
Married													
Total	41,536	3,072	4,771	13,300	10,108	5,411	2,276	1,056	459	200	71	67	745
Professional	1,555	219	198	585	333	144	37	12	2	-	-	1	24
Intermediate	5,485	563	690	2,038	1,258	551	191	67	19	9	4	4	91
Skilled	14,865	1,143	1,777	4,814	3,690	1,864	770	340	157	44	25	22	719
Semi-skilled	5,106	329	563	1,588	1,237	759	289	142	66	36	11	8	78
Unskilled	2,339	70	191	604	582	402	243	125	52	21	7	7	35
Not classified	12,186	748	1,352	3,671	3,008	1,691	746	370	163	90	24	25	298
Widowed/divorced/separated													
Total	8,621	1,461	2,223	2,342	1,319	649	259	107	54	22	9	6	170
Professional	80	28	20	17	10	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	2
Intermediate	788	209	217	201	99	31	7	1	1	1	-	-	21
Skilled	2,358	683	713	557	244	76	27	15	3	1	1	-	38
Semi-skilled	1,015	178	287	264	139	82	26	11	9	-	1	-	18
Unskilled	281	37	69	65	47	30	10	6	5	1	1	1	9
Not classified	4,099	326	917	1,238	780	429	187	74	36	19	6	5	82
Not known													
Total	111	34	20	19	13	8	5	3	-	-	-	-	9
Professional	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Intermediate	14	6	2	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Skilled	21	16	2	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Semi-skilled	9	3	4	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unskilled	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Not classified	67	9	12	14	9	8	4	3	-	-	-	-	8

TABLE 11B. Legally induced abortions accompanied by sterilisation, by number of existing children, marital status and occupation group

England and Wales, 1971
Cases resident in England and Wales

Marital status and occupation group	Existing children												
	Total	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 and over	Not stated
All													
Total	14,462	355	660	3,327	3,993	2,933	1,518	777	356	162	57	55	269
Professional	258	2	15	101	78	38	19	2	-	-	-	-	3
Intermediate	1,228	43	70	357	375	211	90	38	11	6	2	3	22
Skilled	4,759	115	232	1,143	1,394	946	450	224	107	28	19	18	83
Semi-skilled	1,823	47	80	409	484	386	197	91	55	31	10	5	28
Unskilled	1,056	16	25	168	246	241	172	97	40	15	7	5	24
Not classified	5,338	132	238	1,149	1,416	1,111	590	325	143	82	19	24	109
Single													
Total	343	103	31	59	55	46	27	11	6	1	-	-	4
Professional	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Intermediate	24	9	-	1	2	7	3	-	1	-	-	-	1
Skilled	45	23	6	5	3	1	2	-	1	-	-	-	2
Semi-skilled	45	13	4	8	11	2	5	-	1	1	-	-	-
Unskilled	23	4	2	2	6	3	3	3	-	-	-	-	-
Not classified	206	54	17	43	33	33	14	8	3	-	-	-	1
Married													
Total	13,025	209	544	3,068	3,680	2,658	1,357	707	316	146	51	50	239
Professional	258	2	15	101	78	38	19	2	-	-	-	-	3
Intermediate	1,163	29	65	345	365	198	84	37	9	6	2	3	20
Skilled	4,569	81	202	1,098	1,360	924	438	217	106	28	18	18	79
Semi-skilled	1,661	27	65	375	450	359	179	87	49	30	9	5	26
Unskilled	989	10	21	159	233	229	160	93	38	14	6	4	22
Not classified	4,385	60	176	990	1,194	910	477	271	114	68	16	20	89
Widowed/divorced/separated													
Total	1,069	42	83	196	255	224	131	57	34	15	6	5	21
Professional	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Intermediate	40	5	5	10	8	6	3	1	1	-	-	-	1
Skilled	144	11	21	40	31	21	10	7	-	-	1	-	2
Semi-skilled	117	7	11	26	23	25	13	4	5	-	1	-	2
Unskilled	44	2	2	7	7	9	9	1	2	1	1	1	2
Not classified	724	17	44	113	186	163	96	44	26	14	3	4	14
Not known													
Total	25	1	2	4	3	5	3	2	-	-	-	-	5
Professional	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Intermediate	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Skilled	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Semi-skilled	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unskilled	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Not classified	23	1	1	3	3	5	3	2	-	-	-	-	5

TABLE 12. Legally induced abortions where environmental and other conditions were stated, with proportions, distinguishing type of premises

England and Wales, 1971
All cases

Note: This table is necessarily restricted to those cases (32% of the total) where the practitioner saw fit to refer in question 11(c) of the form to environmental or other factors, or (mistakenly) to refer back to the terms of the statutory grounds, as reasons for termination. Such reasons were mostly in addition to the specific medical reasons shown in Table 19. See page vi

Code	Description	NHS Hospitals		Approved and Other places	
		Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
	Reference to statutory grounds				
	Total	2,455	10.0	2,130	12.9
01	Statutory ground 1	20	0.1	21	0.1
02	2	1,584	6.5	1,685	10.2
03	3	274	1.1	4	0.0
04	4	20	0.1	-	-
07	2 and 4	24	0.1	-	-
08	3 with any other	502	2.0	404	2.5
09	Other multiple	31	0.1	16	0.1
	Concerning the mother				
	Total	13,851	56.2	7,920	47.8
1v	Failed contraception in single girl*	17	0.1	17	0.1
10	Unmarried(16 or over)	611	2.5	892	5.4
11	Under 16 years	151	0.6	28	0.2
12	Widowed, divorced, separated	324	1.3	122	0.7
13	Multiparity	943	3.9	932	5.6
14	Too old - high medical risk in primipara	355	1.4	227	1.4
15	Young or immature	789	3.2	536	3.2
16	Physical handicap or illness	7	0.0	2	0.0
17	Students (nurse, university student, etc.)	257	1.0	374	2.3
18	Other specified reasons pertaining to mother	873	3.5	2,848	17.2
19	Unspecified social reasons - 'adverse conditions'	9,524	38.7	1,942	11.7
	Concerning the husband or father				
	Total	564	2.3	948	5.7
20	Not available for marriage	69	0.3	377	2.3
21	Drunkard or alcohol addict	31	0.1	4	0.0
22	Drug addict	9	0.0	2	0.0
23	Violent	42	0.2	3	0.0
24	Young, immature	22	0.1	9	0.1
25	Old	19	0.1	6	0.0
26	Abandoned by consort	243	1.0	466	2.8
28	Other specified reasons pertaining to father	129	0.5	81	0.5
	Concerning other children of mother				
	Total	3,495	14.2	3,682	22.3
30	Already caring for previous illegitimate children	369	1.5	253	1.5
31	Adverse effect on existing children in family	3,041	12.3	3,410	20.7
32	Unspecified reasons relating to existing children	17	0.1	10	0.1
33	Reason relating to family	46	0.2	7	0.0
35	Unborn child - probable lack of care	4	0.0	-	-
38	Other specified reasons relating to unborn child	3	0.0	1	0.0
39	Unborn child will suffer	15	0.1	1	0.0
	Concerning illness in the dependants of the mother				
	Total	621	2.5	159	1.0
40	Husband ill or disabled	215	0.9	53	0.3
41	Existing children - ill or disabled	334	1.4	83	0.6
42	Parents or other sick or disabled dependants	55	0.2	20	0.1
48	Other specified chronic illness in family	10	0.0	1	0.0
49	Unspecified illness in family	7	0.0	2	0.0
	Concerning the marriage				
	Total	1,025	4.2	497	3.0
50	Husband away from home	41	0.2	6	0.0
51	Husband opposed to pregnancy	9	0.0	3	0.0
52	Extra marital conception	220	0.9	221	1.4
55	Failed contraception	402	1.6	143	0.9
56	Unsuccessfully sterilised husband	35	0.1	6	0.0
57	Unsuccessfully sterilised woman	40	0.2	1	0.0
58	Other specified reasons tending to break up marriage	214	0.9	73	0.4
59	Break up of marriage	64	0.3	44	0.3

* This detail available only from May 1971.

TABLE 12 - continued

Code	Description	NHS Hospitals		Approved and other places	
		Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
	Concerning economic factors Total	2,190	8.9	791	4.8
60	Insufficient income for family - husband not able to support	58	0.2	11	0.1
61	Loss of employment for woman	222	0.9	186	1.1
63	Other specified economic reasons	23	0.1	5	0.0
64	Unspecified economic reasons, financial difficulties	1,887	7.7	589	3.6
	Concerning housing Total	367	1.5	366	2.2
65	Inadequate housing	95	0.4	17	0.1
66	Material home conditions inadequate	14	0.1	-	-
68	Other specified environmental reasons	15	0.1	4	0.0
69	Unspecified environmental reasons	243	0.9	345	2.1
	Concerning rape and violence Total	53	0.2	42	0.3
70	Unwanted intercourse under 16	3	0.0	6	0.1
71	Unwanted intercourse 16 and over	-	-	6	0.0
72	Rape, single girl under 16	11	0.1	5	0.0
73	Rape, single girl 16 or over	18	0.1	21	0.2
74	Rape, married woman	10	0.0	4	0.0
75	Incest	11	0.0	-	-
	All cases with question 11(c) completed	24,621	100.0	16,535	100.0
	All cases with medical reasons and question 11(c) not completed	28,523		56,413	
	All cases with question 11(a)-(c) not completed	562		123	
	Total cases treated for abortion	53,706		73,071	

TABLE 13. Legally induced abortions by age,
main operation and gestation weeks

England and Wales, 1971

All cases

Main operation	Gestation weeks *	All ages	Under 16	16-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 and over	Not stated
Hysterotomy - abdominal	Total	10,960	227	860	1,311	2,081	2,621	2,343	1,187	118	212
	Under 9	322	4	9	30	57	91	84	37	3	7
	9-12	3,672	31	126	288	621	1,033	1,001	456	39	77
	13	1,502	20	91	143	303	387	336	186	15	21
	14	1,315	23	78	162	291	322	260	140	11	28
	15-16	1,921	59	212	264	370	424	359	186	22	25
	17-19	1,309	59	212	232	262	225	172	110	17	20
	20-23	458	23	84	119	74	60	49	31	8	10
	24 and over	62	1	14	15	12	10	3	5	1	1
	Not stated	399	7	34	58	91	69	79	36	2	23
Hysterotomy - vaginal	Total	488	19	76	96	93	78	76	32	4	14
	Under 9	52	1	4	9	11	8	10	7	1	1
	9-12	265	7	49	57	49	45	35	13	-	10
	13	43	3	4	5	8	5	12	4	-	2
	14	30	1	4	6	8	6	3	1	1	-
	15-16	35	1	6	7	5	6	8	1	1	-
	17-19	35	4	4	6	8	6	3	4	-	-
	20-23	5	1	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
	24 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Not stated	23	1	2	5	4	2	5	2	1	1
Hysterectomy	Total	1,034	-	9	30	111	219	367	237	40	21
	Under 9	55	-	-	-	5	14	25	7	2	2
	9-12	505	-	2	8	60	97	193	114	21	10
	13	113	-	1	3	9	23	47	27	3	-
	14	91	-	-	2	13	18	24	30	3	1
	15-16	118	-	2	5	11	31	31	30	5	3
	17-19	71	-	1	5	6	15	24	15	4	1
	20-23	26	-	3	2	2	6	4	8	1	-
	24 and over	9	-	-	-	-	3	4	2	-	-
	Not stated	46	-	-	5	5	12	15	4	1	4
Vacuum aspiration	Total	52,767	1,277	9,774	14,290	10,012	7,917	5,771	2,398	214	1,114
	Under 9	10,595	155	1,277	2,516	2,186	2,004	1,609	595	44	209
	9-12	34,148	839	6,542	9,402	6,409	5,002	3,567	1,548	144	695
	13	3,570	125	922	1,054	623	396	270	103	13	64
	14	1,590	72	427	513	269	152	78	49	3	27
	15-16	1,008	34	275	309	183	104	53	28	4	18
	17-19	312	13	92	98	53	26	16	6	-	8
	20-23	80	4	18	23	17	8	6	2	-	2
	24 and over	23	-	2	6	5	5	3	1	-	1
	Not stated	1,441	35	219	369	267	220	169	66	6	90
Dilatation	Total	57,731	871	11,121	17,450	10,762	8,345	5,816	2,325	202	839
	Under 9	12,822	121	1,479	3,427	2,750	2,403	1,764	626	57	195
	9-12	31,940	463	6,281	9,735	5,905	4,534	3,174	1,323	99	426
	13	4,592	88	1,158	1,538	758	527	319	124	20	60
	14	2,953	66	818	977	449	311	214	82	3	33
	15-16	2,881	77	793	1,018	438	264	160	81	10	40
	17-19	1,273	27	375	440	212	96	65	33	5	20
	20-23	227	10	56	66	39	23	20	9	1	3
	24 and over	26	-	4	9	3	5	2	-	1	2
	Not stated	1,017	19	157	240	208	182	98	47	6	60
Other types of termination (not listed above)	Total	3,590	217	999	1,039	557	366	232	106	10	64
	Under 9	94	3	12	28	17	12	7	11	1	3
	9-12	752	33	190	197	121	92	64	36	2	17
	13	361	20	96	95	62	43	28	12	1	4
	14	348	21	115	99	51	35	19	4	-	4
	15-16	866	51	229	274	140	96	44	17	2	13
	17-19	790	60	233	244	114	61	52	15	1	10
	20-23	223	14	80	64	34	11	9	6	1	4
	24 and over	19	1	5	8	2	1	1	1	-	-
	Not stated	137	14	39	30	16	15	8	4	2	9
Not stated	Total	207	7	33	31	37	35	34	14	3	13
	Under 9	39	1	7	6	6	8	7	2	-	2
	9-12	117	3	16	17	21	21	22	5	2	10
	13	14	2	5	1	1	2	2	1	-	-
	14	7	-	2	2	1	-	-	1	1	-
	15-16	10	-	-	2	3	2	2	1	-	-
	17-19	5	-	1	1	2	1	-	-	-	-
	20-23	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	24 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Not stated	13	-	1	2	3	1	1	4	-	1

* For definition of gestation weeks see page 1v.

TABLE 14. Legally induced abortions by month of operation, age and marital status

Cases resident in England and Wales

Age and marital status	Total	Month of operation											
		Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
All ages													
Total	94,570	6,906	7,136	8,163	7,319	7,826	8,282	8,738	8,049	7,722	8,330	8,372	7,727
Single	44,302	3,167	3,255	3,760	3,436	3,675	3,777	4,178	3,899	3,662	4,035	3,852	3,606
Married	41,536	3,122	3,242	3,659	3,174	3,477	3,741	3,786	3,438	3,316	3,544	3,652	3,385
Widowed	744	63	49	71	56	65	44	80	60	70	51	77	58
Divorced/separated	7,877	548	573	657	647	598	713	682	648	666	691	782	672
Not known	111	6	17	16	6	11	7	12	4	8	9	9	6
10-15													
Total	2,296	144	166	201	160	162	197	227	211	199	242	205	182
Single	2,296	144	166	201	160	162	197	227	211	199	242	205	182
Married	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Widowed	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Divorced/separated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Not known	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-19													
Total	18,176	1,245	1,299	1,556	1,404	1,502	1,534	1,728	1,580	1,514	1,657	1,649	1,508
Single	17,383	1,198	1,251	1,481	1,340	1,439	1,462	1,647	1,531	1,444	1,600	1,553	1,437
Married	591	33	37	48	49	44	56	65	33	57	46	70	53
Widowed	5	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Divorced/separated	191	13	8	26	14	18	16	16	15	13	10	25	17
Not known	6	-	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
20-24													
Total	24,465	1,817	1,895	2,049	1,949	2,099	2,155	2,218	2,107	1,943	2,141	2,085	2,007
Single	16,934	1,272	1,295	1,439	1,345	1,439	1,498	1,519	1,493	1,350	1,527	1,397	1,360
Married	5,640	405	459	460	443	519	507	532	452	416	455	511	481
Widowed	59	5	4	5	4	9	4	9	3	6	4	3	3
Divorced/separated	1,808	134	134	143	155	128	145	156	158	167	152	174	162
Not known	24	1	3	2	2	4	1	2	1	4	3	-	1
25-29													
Total	17,292	1,224	1,283	1,533	1,299	1,436	1,459	1,633	1,451	1,360	1,518	1,605	1,491
Single	4,870	341	336	407	369	412	369	516	424	428	417	441	410
Married	9,845	688	756	900	725	830	868	882	816	755	868	907	850
Widowed	148	9	8	13	11	13	4	13	11	18	14	19	15
Divorced/separated	2,411	184	178	210	194	179	216	221	199	159	218	237	216
Not known	18	2	5	3	-	2	2	1	1	-	1	1	-
30-34													
Total	14,203	1,096	1,108	1,272	1,071	1,176	1,259	1,261	1,185	1,193	1,224	1,267	1,091
Single	1,358	97	96	105	101	118	128	130	113	114	138	122	96
Married	10,900	883	864	995	812	902	969	969	924	896	912	938	836
Widowed	180	13	16	14	15	18	8	21	12	15	10	20	18
Divorced/separated	1,750	102	131	155	142	138	153	140	135	166	164	184	140
Not known	15	1	1	3	1	-	1	1	1	2	-	3	1
35-39													
Total	11,023	811	867	937	891	874	1,025	1,007	915	918	925	963	890
Single	546	39	41	51	40	40	33	60	51	55	35	53	48
Married	9,068	679	729	783	733	726	840	828	741	740	771	772	726
Widowed	213	19	12	20	15	14	22	20	15	21	16	25	14
Divorced/separated	1,179	74	83	79	102	93	129	97	108	102	101	111	100
Not known	17	-	2	4	1	1	1	2	-	-	2	2	2
40-44													
Total	4,869	382	356	403	382	405	428	468	423	410	409	418	385
Single	135	6	10	10	20	12	12	10	8	4	14	14	15
Married	4,251	335	315	354	324	354	376	404	378	352	363	358	338
Widowed	117	13	6	15	6	9	6	15	17	10	4	9	7
Divorced/separated	356	27	25	23	31	29	33	36	20	44	27	37	24
Not known	10	1	-	1	1	1	1	3	-	-	1	-	1
45 and over													
Total	451	34	32	38	35	28	50	37	33	46	43	44	31
Single	13	-	-	1	2	3	1	1	3	-	-	2	-
Married	393	30	28	31	30	24	46	33	25	42	38	37	29
Widowed	12	2	2	1	2	1	-	1	1	-	2	-	-
Divorced/separated	31	2	2	3	1	-	3	2	4	4	3	5	2
Not known	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Not stated													
Total	1,795	153	130	174	128	144	175	159	144	139	171	136	142
Single	767	70	60	65	59	50	77	68	65	68	62	65	58
Married	848	69	54	88	58	78	79	73	69	58	91	59	72
Widowed	10	1	1	3	2	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	-
Divorced/separated	151	12	12	18	8	13	18	14	9	11	16	9	11
Not known	19	1	3	-	1	3	1	3	1	2	1	2	1

TABLE 15A. Legally induced abortions by age,
occupation group and marital status

England and Wales, 1971

Cases not resident in England and Wales

Occupation group	Marital status	All ages	Under 16	16-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 and over	Not stated
All groups	Total	32,207	322	4,696	9,782	6,361	5,378	3,616	1,430	140	482
	Single	16,734	322	4,505	7,567	2,667	947	374	108	12	232
	Married	13,822	-	181	1,963	3,201	4,010	2,928	1,195	119	225
	Widowed	248	-	-	13	51	49	77	47	4	7
	Divorced/separated	1,383	-	9	233	439	362	237	80	5	18
	Not Known	20	-	1	6	3	10	-	-	-	-
Professional	Total	1,242	-	50	236	325	342	194	67	6	22
	Single	365	-	41	124	104	58	25	6	-	7
	Married	830	-	9	105	205	271	163	57	5	15
	Widowed	4	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-
	Divorced/separated	43	-	-	7	14	12	5	4	1	-
	Not Known	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Intermediate	Total	5,653	2	319	1,670	1,420	1,115	718	302	30	77
	Single	2,646	2	296	1,282	693	242	71	22	2	36
	Married	2,775	-	23	357	657	818	603	255	27	35
	Widowed	31	-	-	2	7	2	12	7	-	1
	Divorced/separated	200	-	-	28	63	53	32	18	1	5
	Not Known	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Skilled	Total	12,882	35	1,647	3,991	2,761	2,209	1,465	540	55	179
	Single	6,691	35	1,562	3,077	1,219	456	200	54	8	80
	Married	5,425	-	82	791	1,298	1,552	1,130	441	44	87
	Widowed	84	-	-	5	19	18	20	18	-	4
	Divorced/separated	671	-	3	116	222	177	115	27	3	8
	Not Known	11	-	-	2	3	6	-	-	-	-
Semi-skilled	Total	2,475	8	246	699	465	532	338	142	13	32
	Single	1,077	8	235	515	187	74	34	8	1	15
	Married	1,288	-	10	160	254	424	286	127	12	15
	Widowed	7	-	-	1	-	2	2	2	-	-
	Divorced/separated	103	-	1	23	24	32	16	5	-	2
	Not Known	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unskilled	Total	619	2	59	123	123	131	122	44	4	11
	Single	175	2	53	68	30	8	9	2	-	3
	Married	413	-	4	48	87	119	107	37	4	7
	Widowed	5	-	-	-	1	1	2	1	-	-
	Divorced/separated	26	-	2	7	5	3	4	4	-	1
	Not Known	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Not classified	Total	9,336	275	2,375	3,063	1,267	1,049	779	335	32	161
	Single	5,780	275	2,318	2,501	434	109	35	16	1	91
	Married	3,091	-	53	502	700	825	639	278	27	66
	Widowed	117	-	-	5	22	25	40	19	4	2
	Divorced/separated	340	-	3	52	111	85	65	22	-	2
	Not Known	8	-	1	3	-	4	-	-	-	-

TABLE 15B. Legally induced abortions by
age and country of usual residence

England and Wales, 1971

Cases not resident in England and Wales

Country	All ages	Under 16	16-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 and over	Not stated
British Isles										
Scotland	524	-	130	205	85	44	33	12	-	15
N.Ireland	648	7	139	234	107	75	44	25	-	17
Irish Republic	578	5	63	254	143	49	39	12	2	11
Channel Islands and Isle of Man	215	2	40	82	37	22	19	10	-	3
Europe										
Belgium	2,111	15	302	538	422	349	295	143	14	33
Denmark	226	2	31	84	58	34	13	1	-	3
France	11,986	68	1,536	4,543	2,420	1,555	1,168	476	59	161
Germany	13,560	197	2,059	3,008	2,597	2,936	1,819	679	60	205
Netherlands	782	11	178	261	128	101	70	33	3	7
Switzerland	389	2	68	145	88	48	26	6	-	6
America										
Canada	67	-	7	29	12	7	9	1	-	2
U.S.A.	187	3	30	94	31	15	7	4	-	3
Other countries	924	10	113	305	233	143	74	28	2	16

TABLE 16A. Legally induced abortions by
hospital region of residence, age and marital status

England and Wales:
Hospital regions, 1971
Cases resident in England and Wales

Hospital region	Marital status	All ages	Under 16	16-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 and over	Not stated
ENGLAND AND WALES	Total	94,570	2,296	18,176	24,465	17,292	14,203	11,023	4,869	451	1,795
	Single	44,302	2,296	17,383	16,934	4,870	1,358	546	135	13	767
	Married	41,536	-	591	5,640	9,845	10,900	9,068	4,251	393	848
	Widowed/divorced/separated	8,621	-	196	1,867	2,559	1,930	1,392	473	43	161
	Not stated	111	-	6	24	18	15	17	10	2	19
Newcastle	Total	5,057	140	943	1,066	842	871	767	324	28	76
	Single	1,926	140	901	630	140	51	21	7	-	36
	Married	2,591	-	26	321	559	699	644	282	27	33
	Widowed/divorced/separated	534	-	15	113	142	121	101	34	1	7
	Not stated	6	-	1	2	1	-	1	1	-	-
Leeds	Total	4,393	133	911	965	701	703	619	274	15	72
	Single	1,910	133	880	648	156	40	13	5	-	35
	Married	2,011	-	22	223	421	545	510	245	14	31
	Widowed/divorced/separated	464	-	8	93	122	117	94	24	1	5
	Not stated	8	-	1	1	2	1	2	-	-	1
Sheffield	Total	6,962	242	1,398	1,488	1,128	1,189	930	433	47	107
	Single	2,805	242	1,333	906	199	49	22	15	1	38
	Married	3,492	-	47	438	742	976	811	375	44	59
	Widowed/divorced/separated	659	-	18	143	186	161	97	42	2	10
	Not stated	6	-	-	1	1	3	-	1	-	-
East Anglian	Total	3,277	105	623	752	577	538	408	218	20	36
	Single	1,335	105	595	452	123	37	8	2	-	13
	Married	1,668	-	17	233	379	442	364	199	17	17
	Widowed/divorced/separated	267	-	11	67	75	57	34	17	3	3
	Not stated	7	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	3
North West Metropolitan	Total	14,343	207	2,264	4,497	3,026	1,941	1,411	550	66	381
	Single	7,936	207	2,166	3,499	1,342	358	156	34	2	172
	Married	5,229	-	81	768	1,292	1,331	1,077	447	57	176
	Widowed/divorced/separated	1,165	-	17	228	390	250	178	67	7	28
	Not stated	13	-	-	2	2	2	-	2	-	5
North East Metropolitan	Total	6,782	129	1,245	1,728	1,297	983	772	357	30	241
	Single	2,973	129	1,178	1,136	336	68	32	9	1	84
	Married	3,226	-	51	479	768	799	641	322	26	140
	Widowed/divorced/separated	573	-	16	113	191	113	98	24	3	15
	Not stated	10	-	-	-	2	3	1	2	-	2
South East Metropolitan	Total	7,715	196	1,503	2,014	1,456	1,176	848	348	33	141
	Single	3,479	196	1,431	1,331	323	84	46	5	2	61
	Married	3,507	-	57	522	914	920	696	302	30	66
	Widowed/divorced/separated	721	-	14	161	217	170	105	41	1	12
	Not stated	8	-	1	-	2	2	1	-	-	2
South West Metropolitan	Total	9,683	170	1,645	3,258	1,968	1,249	808	333	31	221
	Single	5,845	170	1,586	2,630	946	281	91	18	2	121
	Married	3,062	-	47	475	791	778	595	280	24	72
	Widowed/divorced/separated	768	-	12	151	230	190	120	34	5	26
	Not stated	8	-	-	2	1	-	2	1	-	2
Wessex	Total	3,089	113	636	716	557	442	367	179	18	61
	Single	1,406	113	606	469	138	35	15	9	-	21
	Married	1,371	-	22	166	327	347	314	148	13	34
	Widowed/divorced/separated	307	-	7	81	91	59	38	21	4	6
	Not stated	5	-	1	-	1	1	-	1	1	-
Oxford	Total	3,335	114	732	739	585	522	400	180	17	46
	Single	1,462	114	709	479	106	23	7	2	-	22
	Married	1,573	-	18	190	395	424	348	166	14	18
	Widowed/divorced/separated	294	-	4	69	83	74	45	11	3	5
	Not stated	6	-	1	1	1	1	-	1	-	1
South Western	Total	5,146	175	1,168	1,184	876	701	632	272	32	106
	Single	2,422	175	1,125	788	191	61	26	7	1	48
	Married	2,282	-	30	282	567	561	525	240	30	47
	Widowed/divorced/separated	438	-	13	111	118	79	80	25	1	11
	Not stated	4	-	-	3	-	-	1	-	-	-
Welsh	Total	4,798	119	899	1,143	873	748	663	304	31	18
	Single	1,848	119	838	681	129	53	15	4	1	8
	Married	2,525	-	44	368	620	604	573	280	29	7
	Widowed/divorced/separated	422	-	17	94	122	91	74	20	1	3
	Not stated	3	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	-
Birmingham	Total	9,767	238	2,179	2,424	1,655	1,499	1,120	485	40	127
	Single	4,495	238	2,081	1,640	354	92	43	8	2	37
	Married	4,411	-	74	584	1,039	1,232	940	435	34	73
	Widowed/divorced/separated	855	-	24	197	261	175	156	42	4	16
	Not stated	6	-	-	3	1	-	1	-	-	1
Manchester	Total	7,095	167	1,409	1,715	1,210	1,146	887	421	28	112
	Single	3,037	167	1,351	1,074	253	92	41	8	1	50
	Married	3,241	-	39	442	735	875	717	358	22	53
	Widowed/divorced/separated	800	-	18	191	221	179	125	54	4	8
	Not stated	17	-	1	8	1	-	4	1	1	1
Liverpool	Total	3,128	48	621	776	541	495	391	191	15	50
	Single	1,423	48	603	571	134	34	10	2	-	21
	Married	1,347	-	16	149	296	367	313	172	12	22
	Widowed/divorced/separated	354	-	2	55	110	94	67	17	3	6
	Not stated	4	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	1

TABLE 16B. Legally induced abortions accompanied by sterilisation, by hospital region of residence, age and marital status

England and Wales:
Hospital regions, 1971
Cases resident in England and Wales

Hospital region	Marital status	All ages	Under 16	16-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 and over	Not stated
ENGLAND AND WALES	Total	14,462	-	36	835	2,835	4,172	4,086	2,044	196	258
	Single	343	-	26	73	87	82	48	18	2	7
	Married	13,025	-	8	703	2,515	3,772	3,731	1,893	175	228
	Widowed/divorced/separated	1,089	-	2	58	229	313	303	129	17	18
Newcastle	Not stated	25	-	-	1	4	5	4	4	2	5
	Total	1,399	-	5	73	269	434	404	180	15	19
	Single	32	-	4	5	8	6	6	1	-	2
	Married	1,262	-	1	62	238	391	374	165	15	16
Leeds	Widowed/divorced/separated	104	-	-	5	23	37	24	14	-	1
	Not stated	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	760	-	1	46	137	229	209	121	7	10
	Single	21	-	1	5	5	7	2	1	-	-
Sheffield	Married	671	-	-	37	121	199	185	113	7	9
	Widowed/divorced/separated	66	-	-	4	11	22	21	7	-	1
	Not stated	2	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
	Total	1,294	-	3	79	222	394	372	190	15	19
East Anglian	Single	20	-	3	6	5	1	3	2	-	-
	Married	1,198	-	-	71	198	373	343	180	15	18
	Widowed/divorced/separated	73	-	-	2	18	18	26	8	-	1
	Not stated	3	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-
North West Metropolitan	Total	768	-	4	44	139	222	212	124	14	9
	Single	15	-	2	1	4	5	3	-	-	-
	Married	717	-	-	40	128	205	204	122	12	6
	Widowed/divorced/separated	33	-	2	3	7	12	4	2	2	1
North East Metropolitan	Not stated	3	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2
	Total	1,083	-	3	44	184	319	329	145	22	37
	Single	36	-	3	3	9	11	8	2	-	-
	Married	969	-	-	39	155	293	298	130	20	34
South East Metropolitan	Widowed/divorced/separated	76	-	-	2	20	15	23	12	2	2
	Not stated	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
	Total	803	-	1	30	159	228	215	120	12	38
	Single	27	-	1	7	9	5	3	1	-	1
South West Metropolitan	Married	709	-	-	22	132	205	192	111	10	37
	Widowed/divorced/separated	65	-	-	1	18	17	20	7	2	-
	Not stated	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-
	Total	1,050	-	2	51	211	311	300	144	17	14
Wessex	Single	24	-	1	1	7	5	5	2	1	2
	Married	937	-	1	45	185	284	270	127	15	10
	Widowed/divorced/separated	87	-	-	5	19	22	24	15	1	1
	Not stated	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Oxford	Total	725	-	-	25	137	203	222	104	16	18
	Single	33	-	-	3	7	11	9	2	1	-
	Married	633	-	-	18	118	178	194	97	15	13
	Widowed/divorced/separated	59	-	-	4	12	14	19	5	-	5
Birmingham	Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	618	-	1	44	115	158	172	100	10	18
	Single	13	-	1	5	2	2	1	2	-	-
	Married	546	-	-	33	101	142	155	90	7	18
Oxford	Widowed/divorced/separated	56	-	-	6	12	13	16	7	2	-
	Not stated	3	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	-
	Total	488	-	-	23	118	127	139	67	6	8
	Single	6	-	-	-	4	2	-	-	-	-
South Western	Married	447	-	-	23	107	115	128	63	5	6
	Widowed/divorced/separated	32	-	-	-	6	10	11	5	1	1
	Not stated	3	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	1
	Total	833	-	1	57	182	227	222	109	15	20
Welsh	Single	24	-	1	7	4	6	3	2	-	1
	Married	769	-	-	46	173	211	209	98	15	17
	Widowed/divorced/separated	40	-	-	4	5	10	10	9	-	2
	Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birmingham	Total	1,162	-	2	79	252	282	352	180	12	3
	Single	11	-	-	5	5	3	-	-	-	-
	Married	1,099	-	2	71	237	263	338	173	12	3
	Widowed/divorced/separated	52	-	-	3	12	16	14	7	-	-
Manchester	Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	965	-	7	77	182	298	242	128	16	15
	Single	25	-	5	8	4	6	1	1	-	-
	Married	880	-	2	66	164	278	223	119	13	15
Liverpool	Widowed/divorced/separated	60	-	-	3	14	14	18	8	3	-
	Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	1,800	-	5	135	383	528	484	228	15	22
	Single	42	-	3	13	12	9	4	1	-	-
Liverpool	Married	1,570	-	2	108	332	456	431	208	12	21
	Widowed/divorced/separated	186	-	-	14	38	63	49	19	2	1
	Not stated	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
	Total	714	-	1	28	145	212	212	104	4	8
Liverpool	Single	14	-	1	4	4	3	-	1	-	1
	Married	618	-	-	22	126	179	187	97	2	5
	Widowed/divorced/separated	80	-	-	2	14	30	24	6	2	2
	Not stated	2	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-

TABLE 16C. Legally induced abortions by hospital region of residence and

(i) number of previous live and still born children

(ii) statutory grounds

(iii) age for cases of previous abortion under the Act

(iv) type of operation

(v) type of premises and duration of stay

(vi) type of premises, gestation weeks, and sterilisation

England and Wales:

Hospital regions, 1971

Cases resident in England and Wales

	England and Wales	Newcastle	Leeds	Sheffield	East Anglian	North West Metropolitan	North East Metropolitan	South East Metropolitan	South West Metropolitan	Wessex	Oxford	South Western	Welsh	Birmingham	Manchester	Liverpool
Total	94,570	5,057	4,393	6,962	3,277	14,343	6,782	7,715	9,683	3,089	3,335	5,146	4,798	9,767	7,095	3,128
(i) Number of previous live and still born children																
0	43,245	1,838	1,861	2,762	1,334	7,785	2,974	3,360	5,621	1,397	1,451	2,351	1,844	4,389	2,925	1,353
1	10,286	514	422	716	299	1,734	730	893	1,124	317	324	498	517	1,094	773	331
2	16,001	913	743	1,235	627	2,121	1,279	1,415	1,285	546	581	890	936	1,661	1,262	507
3	12,122	774	611	1,057	551	1,365	914	1,006	811	415	513	706	714	1,252	1,003	430
4	6,695	523	379	594	266	671	460	556	418	215	248	409	415	702	575	264
5	2,973	237	179	286	107	288	213	249	176	99	110	130	189	332	249	129
6	1,439	112	86	148	45	142	87	110	98	37	60	55	99	166	145	49
7	649	70	36	73	22	64	35	43	28	12	22	24	42	84	58	36
8	298	31	22	33	6	22	18	15	10	7	7	15	21	39	38	14
9 and over	273	27	21	27	4	23	15	24	11	4	7	18	17	37	31	7
Not stated	589	18	33	31	16	128	57	44	101	40	12	50	4	11	36	8
(ii) Statutory grounds*																
1	1,882	88	116	176	111	183	162	123	124	99	42	131	76	188	218	45
2	71,443	3,503	3,159	5,023	2,248	11,378	5,201	6,308	8,090	1,969	2,243	4,074	3,751	6,883	5,264	2,349
3	4,140	507	237	310	126	437	240	271	268	183	332	246	214	277	350	142
4	1,327	106	81	112	66	132	94	89	69	48	81	79	104	122	96	48
5	10	1	2	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	-
6	10	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
2 with 4	910	55	35	105	40	104	61	65	56	39	30	53	63	90	80	34
3 with others	14,848	796	763	1,235	684	2,107	1,022	858	1,074	751	607	563	589	2,206	1,083	510
(iii) Previous abortion cases by age																
All ages	2,364	113	90	140	73	501	229	215	318	43	83	117	60	238	103	41
Under 16	25	3	1	-	2	3	1	2	2	1	-	2	-	5	1	2
16-19	322	15	13	21	13	48	33	35	38	1	13	20	5	44	16	7
20-24	778	29	23	35	31	157	73	67	125	17	26	43	22	74	42	14
25-29	540	25	18	30	14	145	49	45	78	11	19	22	11	41	20	12
30-39	586	36	31	43	13	124	53	55	61	12	21	29	20	63	21	4
40 and over	65	5	2	9	-	12	11	4	7	-	3	-	1	8	2	1
Not stated	48	-	2	2	-	12	9	7	7	1	1	1	1	3	1	1
(iv) Type of operation																
Hysterotomy-abdominal	10,661	989	499	969	690	761	636	715	548	438	169	596	1,133	705	1,372	441
Hysterotomy-vaginal	476	23	8	22	1	33	21	26	36	30	18	181	21	21	29	6
Hysterectomy	1,025	63	29	87	34	90	80	60	63	27	95	116	74	80	55	52
Vacuum aspiration	44,853	2,842	2,089	2,020	1,911	8,261	3,428	4,752	5,192	1,547	2,008	2,638	2,282	2,381	2,478	1,024
Dilatation	33,943	776	1,725	3,727	605	4,731	2,530	1,793	3,395	1,002	836	1,083	857	6,507	2,918	1,458
Other types of termination (not listed above)	3,445	333	37	129	30	435	71	351	440	38	206	524	430	57	225	139
Not stated	167	11	6	8	6	32	16	18	9	7	3	8	1	16	18	8

* For statutory grounds see page 111.

TABLE 16C - continued

	England and Wales	Newcastle	Leeds	Sheffield	East Anglian	North West Metropolitan	North East Metropolitan	South East Metropolitan	South West Metropolitan	Wessex	Oxford	South Western	Welsh	Birmingham	Manchester	Liverpool
(v) Type of premises and duration of stay																
All premises																
Total	94,570	5,057	4,393	6,962	3,277	14,343	6,782	7,715	9,683	3,089	3,335	5,146	4,798	9,767	7,095	3,128
0 days	3,609	53	96	82	38	639	698	670	516	104	82	164	55	71	294	47
1 day	38,765	423	1,777	2,719	690	6,969	2,660	2,443	5,139	1,275	1,352	1,675	876	7,333	2,123	1,311
2 days	14,190	1,067	633	1,044	950	1,703	932	1,208	1,154	589	823	1,374	1,207	445	813	248
3 days	8,217	829	623	790	199	1,333	504	823	778	264	187	397	372	212	676	230
4 days	4,376	405	194	349	141	696	273	361	430	72	101	243	347	109	515	140
5 days	2,415	261	84	202	98	475	146	154	180	46	69	131	161	84	244	80
6 days	1,775	142	86	154	101	226	109	182	141	44	63	130	114	49	149	85
7 days and over	11,570	1,041	569	1,251	455	1,241	771	1,016	783	394	295	562	1,140	465	1,113	474
Not stated	9,653	836	331	371	605	1,061	689	858	562	301	363	470	526	999	1,168	513
N H S hospitals																
Total	53,455	4,661	2,384	4,038	2,424	6,740	3,715	5,328	3,831	1,824	2,026	3,569	3,781	2,331	5,027	1,776
0 days	1,763	29	31	10	6	102	471	539	149	35	22	116	6	9	227	11
1 day	3,679	130	77	214	164	631	130	367	135	186	350	381	78	347	360	109
2 days	11,189	1,020	451	791	730	1,140	677	1,081	795	523	636	1,210	1,071	257	615	192
3 days	8,051	823	614	780	190	1,301	491	816	757	257	180	386	370	198	661	227
4 days	4,261	398	191	341	135	672	271	353	408	72	91	237	345	99	512	136
5 days	2,339	260	81	198	84	466	141	145	177	44	67	126	156	74	241	79
6 days	1,735	140	85	152	91	221	108	181	133	42	62	129	113	46	148	84
7 days and over	11,298	1,030	551	1,232	426	1,201	757	999	748	371	280	543	1,135	448	1,104	473
Not stated	9,140	831	303	320	598	1,006	669	847	529	294	338	441	507	853	1,139	465
Approved places																
Total	40,872	373	2,001	2,905	813	7,593	3,059	2,381	5,817	1,238	1,281	1,563	1,014	7,419	2,064	1,351
0 days	1,846	24	65	72	32	537	227	131	367	69	60	48	49	62	67	36
1 day	35,082	293	1,700	2,505	525	6,338	2,530	2,076	5,004	1,088	1,002	1,294	798	6,984	1,743	1,202
2 days	2,964	46	181	251	199	560	254	127	359	65	184	164	136	184	198	56
3 days	142	3	9	6	6	31	11	7	17	4	5	11	2	13	14	3
4 days	73	1	2	6	6	23	1	7	4	-	5	3	2	8	2	3
5 days	69	-	2	4	14	9	5	9	3	-	1	3	5	10	3	1
6 days	35	-	1	2	10	5	1	1	7	1	1	1	1	2	1	1
7 days and over	186	2	14	16	15	39	10	14	26	5	7	14	4	12	7	1
Not stated	475	4	27	43	6	51	20	9	30	6	16	25	17	144	29	48
(vi) Type of premises gestation weeks* and sterilisation																
N H S hospitals																
Under 9 weeks																
All cases	6,364	666	343	471	255	870	419	764	388	182	177	425	373	299	516	216
Sterilisation cases	1,138	154	72	93	43	107	42	93	45	43	34	93	51	75	127	66
9-12 weeks																
All cases	30,460	2,626	1,456	2,374	1,403	3,915	2,167	3,091	2,157	1,043	1,261	2,178	1,989	1,291	2,530	979
Sterilisation cases	7,036	702	424	640	364	551	375	549	340	314	273	410	480	454	788	372
13 weeks and over																
All cases	14,687	1,261	479	1,078	702	1,635	936	1,256	1,134	474	544	852	1,380	643	1,784	529
Sterilisation cases	5,503	502	209	495	305	351	335	349	283	202	148	289	615	363	795	262
Gestation not stated																
All cases	1,944	108	106	115	64	320	193	217	152	125	44	114	39	98	197	52
Sterilisation cases	516	31	43	39	22	50	43	36	34	40	8	27	15	46	68	14
Approved places, Other hospitals																
Under 9 weeks																
All cases	9,336	79	336	519	219	2,223	837	629	1,670	288	300	356	200	996	416	268
Sterilisation cases	59	1	1	3	6	8	5	6	6	2	3	2	-	7	9	-
9-12 weeks																
All cases	24,287	223	1,214	1,787	487	4,217	1,764	1,394	3,333	769	766	970	594	4,799	1,197	773
Sterilisation cases	128	6	4	16	19	13	2	9	11	7	15	7	-	10	9	-
13 weeks and over																
All cases	6,743	85	427	558	133	1,037	421	334	759	197	212	220	208	1,449	420	283
Sterilisation cases	71	3	7	6	9	3	1	8	6	10	5	1	-	10	2	-
Gestation not stated																
All cases	749	9	32	60	14	126	45	30	90	11	31	31	15	192	35	28
Sterilisation cases	11	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	4	1	-	2	-

* For definition of gestation weeks see page iv.

TABLE 16D. Legally induced abortions by hospital region of operation,
type of premises and hospital region of residence.

England and Wales:
Hospital regions, 1971
Cases resident in England and Wales

Hospital region of operation	England and Wales	Hospital region of residence														
		Newcastle	Leeds	Sheffield	East Anglian	North West Metropolitan	North East Metropolitan	South East Metropolitan	South West Metropolitan	Wessex	Oxford	South Western	Welsh	Birmingham	Manchester	Liverpool
ENGLAND AND WALES	53,455	4,661	2,384	4,038	2,424	6,740	3,715	5,328	3,831	1,824	2,026	3,569	3,781	2,331	5,027	1,776
N H S																
Non N H S	41,115	396	2,009	2,924	853	7,603	3,067	2,387	5,852	1,265	1,309	1,577	1,017	7,436	2,068	1,352
Newcastle																
N H S	4,713	4,643	55	4	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	1	3	2
Non N H S	45	40	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Leeds																
N H S	2,162	3	2,131	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-
Non N H S	99	4	94	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sheffield																
N H S	3,973	7	56	3,880	3	1	3	-	-	-	2	-	1	13	4	3
Non N H S	267	-	14	250	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
East Anglian																
N H S	2,462	-	-	60	2,355	11	23	-	-	1	9	1	-	1	1	-
Non N H S	462	-	3	18	392	10	25	3	1	-	6	-	-	1	2	1
North West Metropolitan																
N H S	4,485	-	1	2	29	4,163	91	16	120	12	42	2	3	2	1	1
Non N H S	16,789	139	516	697	249	5,301	1,892	973	3,786	607	563	373	315	587	553	238
North East Metropolitan																
N H S	3,433	-	1	2	24	158	3,168	23	44	5	3	2	-	1	2	-
Non N H S	4,201	19	31	28	84	1,310	787	317	1,127	177	145	79	55	8	28	6
South East Metropolitan																
N H S	4,420	-	-	-	3	42	32	4,212	98	3	2	21	3	1	1	2
Non N H S	4,925	69	482	434	52	333	164	967	484	147	159	85	155	855	335	204
South West Metropolitan																
N H S	2,081	-	5	3	-	163	6	29	1,851	14	3	5	1	1	-	-
Non N H S	1,292	14	17	31	47	447	138	94	308	56	42	39	13	6	29	11
Wessex																
N H S	1,797	-	1	1	-	5	-	-	9	1,738	18	25	-	-	-	-
Non N H S	374	1	2	2	1	28	16	7	53	231	6	15	1	3	4	4
Oxford																
N H S	2,035	-	-	4	-	101	2	-	9	22	1,881	11	-	4	-	1
Non N H S	169	-	-	3	2	7	-	1	2	1	137	8	2	6	-	-
South Western																
N H S	3,609	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	9	50	3,481	12	51	2	-
Non N H S	903	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	5	29	785	78	2	2	-
Welsh																
N H S	3,693	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	5	3,674	7	1	4
Non N H S	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birmingham																
N H S	2,484	2	1	40	-	3	1	1	1	-	-	1	31	2,242	160	1
Non N H S	10,548	90	762	1,377	25	163	45	24	88	41	220	190	327	5,942	795	459
Manchester																
N H S	4,985	2	129	6	3	-	-	-	1	1	-	3	5	3	4,782	50
Non N H S	120	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	112	4
Liverpool																
N H S	1,824	1	1	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	43	2	62	1,710
Non N H S	921	20	82	83	-	4	-	1	2	-	1	3	69	24	207	425
London Teaching Hospitals																
N H S	5,299	3	3	8	7	2,087	388	1,044	1,697	19	15	11	8	1	6	2

TABLE 17. Legally induced abortions by marital status, age and place of operation, by area of usual residence.

England and Wales, standard regions, conurbations, Urban and rural aggregates, hospital regions, Selected administrative areas, 1971
Cases resident in England and Wales.

Area of usual residence	Total	Marital status			Age						Hospital region of operation			
		Single	Married	Others	Under 16	16-19	20-34	35-44	45 and over	Not stated	Home region		Other region	
											N.H.S. Hospital	Non N.H.S.	N.H.S. Hospital	Non N.H.S.
ENGLAND AND WALES	94,570	44,302	41,536	8,732	2,296	18,176	55,960	15,892	451	1,795	49,559	15,771	3,896	25,344
Standard regions:														
North	5,445	2,091	2,776	578	149	1,036	2,972	1,166	30	92	4,880	63	67	435
Yorkshire and Humberside	6,775	2,812	3,256	707	224	1,342	3,714	1,547	32	116	3,866	253	248	2,408
North West	10,134	4,420	4,547	1,167	214	2,008	5,837	1,873	42	160	6,432	537	310	2,855
East Midlands	5,017	2,091	2,453	473	176	1,059	2,701	990	32	59	2,396	75	132	2,414
West Midlands	9,767	4,495	4,411	861	238	2,179	5,578	1,605	40	127	2,242	5,942	89	1,494
East Anglia	3,098	1,264	1,569	265	99	588	1,772	587	19	33	2,228	378	53	439
South East	43,544	22,516	17,279	3,747	872	7,731	27,403	6,290	188	1,080	19,877	7,695	2,722	13,250
South West	5,992	2,763	2,720	509	205	1,334	3,219	1,067	37	130	3,964	828	168	1,032
Wales	4,798	1,848	2,525	425	119	899	2,764	967	31	18	3,674	-	107	1,017
Conurbations:														
Tyneside	1,683	638	852	193	37	294	973	339	9	31	1,563	11	5	104
West Yorkshire	2,287	1,041	1,001	245	67	479	1,253	453	8	27	890	9	46	1,342
South East Lancashire	4,012	1,793	1,725	494	80	775	2,356	727	13	61	2,934	97	28	953
Merseyside	1,784	878	686	220	22	361	1,046	317	10	28	996	258	8	522
West Midlands	5,030	2,475	2,118	437	115	1,146	2,902	781	20	66	678	3,554	6	790
Greater London	26,670	15,161	9,326	2,183	425	4,301	17,897	3,257	104	686	10,493	5,480	2,113	8,584
Urban and Rural aggregates:														
Conurbations	41,466	21,986	15,708	3,772	746	7,356	26,427	5,874	164	899	17,554	9,409	2,208	12,295
Areas outside conurbations:														
Urban areas with populations of 100,000 and over	11,907	5,524	5,145	1,238	357	2,495	6,800	2,008	53	194	7,072	1,477	88	3,270
Urban areas with populations of 50,000 and under 100,000	9,139	4,177	4,064	898	260	1,973	5,122	1,568	42	174	5,615	1,146	201	2,177
Urban areas with populations under 50,000	17,681	7,170	8,864	1,647	527	3,615	9,726	3,415	101	297	10,986	1,869	664	4,162
Rural districts	14,377	5,445	7,755	1,177	406	2,737	7,885	3,027	91	231	8,332	1,870	735	3,440
Hospital regions:														
Newcastle	5,057	1,926	2,591	540	140	943	2,779	1,091	28	76	4,643	40	18	356
Leeds	4,393	1,910	2,011	472	133	911	2,369	893	15	72	2,131	94	253	1,915
Sheffield	6,962	2,805	3,492	665	242	1,398	3,805	1,363	47	107	3,880	250	158	2,674
East Anglian	3,277	1,335	1,668	274	105	623	1,867	626	20	36	2,355	392	69	461
North West Metropolitan	14,343	7,936	5,229	1,178	207	2,264	9,464	1,961	66	381	5,811	5,301	929	2,302
North East Metropolitan	6,782	2,973	3,226	583	129	1,245	4,008	1,129	30	241	3,412	787	303	2,280
South East Metropolitan	7,715	3,479	3,507	729	196	1,503	4,646	1,196	33	141	5,173	967	155	1,420
South West Metropolitan	9,683	5,845	3,062	776	170	1,645	6,475	1,141	31	221	2,646	308	1,185	5,544
Wessex	3,089	1,406	1,371	312	113	636	1,715	546	18	61	1,738	231	86	1,034
Oxford	3,335	1,462	1,573	300	114	732	1,846	580	17	46	1,881	137	145	1,172
South Western	5,146	2,422	2,282	442	175	1,168	2,761	904	32	106	3,481	785	88	792
Welsh	4,798	1,848	2,525	425	119	899	2,764	967	31	18	3,674	-	107	1,017
Birmingham	9,767	4,495	4,411	861	238	2,179	5,578	1,605	40	127	2,242	5,942	89	1,494
Manchester	7,095	3,037	3,241	817	167	1,409	4,071	1,308	28	112	4,782	112	245	1,956
Liverpool	3,128	1,423	1,347	358	48	621	1,812	582	15	50	1,710	425	66	927
County and London Boroughs administrative county:														
Bedfordshire														
Luton C.B.	314	134	150	30	6	62	180	63	-	3	176	72	13	53
Administrative county	639	231	349	59	15	111	382	121	3	7	451	71	48	69
Berkshire														
Reading C.B.	330	156	139	35	11	61	192	61	2	3	163	9	5	153
Administrative county	804	331	400	73	26	162	451	151	5	9	388	163	55	198
Buckinghamshire														
Administrative county	1,044	464	488	92	33	223	570	188	7	23	500	152	55	337
Cambridgeshire and Isle of Ely														
Administrative county	885	450	385	50	23	191	514	142	1	14	681	163	7	34
Cheshire														
Birkenhead C.B.	143	62	59	22	1	27	86	22	4	3	69	24	-	50
Stockport C.B.	194	91	75	28	2	35	118	37	-	2	88	17	-	89
Administrative county	1,567	704	736	127	44	335	846	302	7	33	722	93	209	543
Cornwall														
Administrative county	371	186	153	32	11	82	196	72	2	8	162	44	5	160
Cumberland														
Administrative county	254	94	130	30	4	47	147	53	-	3	211	1	3	39
Derbyshire														
Derby C.B.	313	129	159	25	11	53	181	62	-	6	144	-	-	169
Administrative county	895	329	487	79	32	166	474	203	11	9	476	16	13	390

TABLE 17 - continued

Area of usual residence	Total	Marital status			Age						Hospital region of operation			
		Single	Married	Others	Under 16	16-19	20-34	35-44	45 and over	Not stated	Home region		Other region	
											N.H.S. Hospital	Non N.H.S.	N.H.S. Hospital	Non N.H.S.
Devon														
Plymouth C.B.	260	114	118	28	9	55	137	51	-	8	209	5	1	45
Torbay C.B.	236	136	76	24	4	61	139	28	3	1	207	6	-	23
Administrative county	597	264	281	52	24	135	309	114	3	12	423	29	10	135
Dorset														
Administrative county	484	213	230	41	12	100	261	94	5	12	246	62	21	155
Poole M.B.	154	75	65	14	2	32	93	21	3	3	45	39	6	64
Durham														
South Shields C.B.	293	102	152	39	11	51	168	57	-	6	286	-	-	7
Sunderland C.B.	400	142	217	41	9	61	228	94	1	7	377	-	-	23
Administrative county	1,213	402	687	124	29	183	677	295	10	19	1,158	8	2	65
Essex														
Southend-on-Sea C.B.	226	96	106	24	7	34	137	45	-	3	142	13	2	69
Administrative county	2,191	813	1,182	196	43	395	1,224	406	10	113	1,567	151	65	408
Basildon U.D.	248	56	163	29	5	30	135	46	1	31	213	6	2	27
Thurrock U.D.	187	59	115	13	1	31	107	35	1	12	133	7	1	46
Gloucestershire														
Bristol C.B.	1,049	595	376	78	33	267	570	139	8	32	657	341	3	48
Administrative county	1,092	434	574	84	36	230	594	215	5	12	739	144	54	155
Greater London Council Area														
Barking L.B.	296	132	142	22	7	64	165	48	1	11	173	29	5	89
Barnet L.B.	1,041	555	402	84	10	158	692	154	3	24	402	439	31	169
Bexley L.B.	464	198	230	36	12	91	281	74	1	5	353	20	5	86
Brent L.B.	1,256	691	463	102	30	195	851	153	3	24	545	446	37	228
Bromley L.B.	755	356	330	69	14	159	420	138	11	13	386	38	20	311
Camden L.B.	1,467	1,019	334	114	9	189	1,094	141	2	32	579	620	54	214
Croydon L.B.	742	388	299	55	22	169	422	104	8	17	148	25	83	486
Ealing L.B.	1,026	505	446	75	23	162	660	137	7	37	485	354	39	148
Enfield L.B.	607	271	292	44	10	112	360	114	1	10	94	112	73	328
Greenwich L.B.	762	324	366	72	11	131	489	115	3	13	588	39	14	121
Hackney L.B.	572	314	203	55	6	99	379	77	1	10	167	80	63	262
Hammersmith L.B.	1,153	808	254	91	18	163	852	89	3	28	158	41	231	723
Haringey L.B.	1,143	613	429	101	7	163	797	141	1	34	422	426	86	209
Harrow L.B.	509	238	240	31	12	94	297	81	9	16	264	169	10	66
Havering L.B.	471	231	211	29	6	109	246	77	6	27	288	57	5	121
Hillingdon L.B.	602	292	270	40	14	117	357	95	6	13	392	156	8	46
Hounslow L.B.	569	324	212	33	8	94	385	63	2	17	228	214	44	83
Islington L.B.	846	471	307	68	5	115	588	104	2	32	406	262	52	126
Kensington and Chelsea L.B.	2,096	1,672	309	115	12	248	1,679	116	3	38	199	95	270	1,532
Kingston upon Thames L.B.	316	176	116	24	7	61	194	42	1	11	172	7	10	127
Lambeth L.B.	1,074	595	368	111	16	182	745	110	3	18	217	21	376	460
Lewisham L.B.	792	410	311	71	24	152	490	111	1	14	540	84	19	149
Merton L.B.	481	248	184	49	11	91	300	65	1	13	241	19	11	210
Newham L.B.	605	242	302	61	18	97	375	92	-	23	302	62	21	220
Redbridge L.B.	567	279	248	40	4	112	353	77	4	17	201	96	13	257
Richmond upon Thames L.B.	531	323	159	49	6	86	337	76	2	24	103	183	158	87
Southwark L.B.	1,214	579	504	131	35	202	790	159	2	26	924	50	44	196
Sutton L.B.	340	162	147	31	8	70	194	57	1	10	175	12	10	143
Tower Hamlets L.B.	522	237	236	49	14	75	331	84	6	12	304	35	15	168
Waltham Forest L.B.	496	265	192	39	10	102	316	60	-	8	85	127	38	246
Wandsworth L.B.	1,140	666	359	115	23	180	775	120	3	39	473	30	50	587
Westminster, City of and City of London	2,215	1,577	461	177	13	259	1,683	183	7	70	479	1,132	218	386
Hampshire														
Bournemouth C.B.	342	190	103	49	10	73	213	44	-	2	112	104	9	117
Portsmouth C.B.	329	157	133	39	11	63	199	53	1	2	235	6	1	87
Southampton C.B.	389	202	146	41	19	82	205	71	2	10	262	13	3	111
Administrative county	1,395	585	677	133	51	299	748	260	10	27	730	51	56	558
Havant and Waterlo U.D.	183	66	95	22	9	38	99	35	1	1	143	-	3	37
Herefordshire														
Administrative county	284	118	140	26	8	62	157	55	-	2	88	126	24	46
Hertfordshire														
Administrative county	1,682	722	800	160	35	364	874	357	15	37	724	464	85	409
Huntingdon and Peterborough														
Administrative county	441	161	237	43	12	87	255	81	3	3	343	41	22	35
Kent														
Administrative county	2,307	897	1,195	215	71	465	1,319	391	11	50	1,655	270	34	348

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Area of usual residence	Total	Marital status			Age						Hospital region of operation			
		Single	Married	Others	Under 16	16-19	20-34	35-44	45 and over	Not stated	Home region		Other region	
											N.H.S. Hospital	Non N.H.S.	N.H.S. Hospital	Non N.H.S.
Lancashire														
Blackburn C.B.	157	58	81	18	5	28	88	30	1	5	128	-	1	28
Blackpool C.B.	301	167	98	38	4	71	182	41	1	2	51	-	2	248
Bolton C.B.	234	90	118	26	5	44	130	52	2	1	190	2	-	42
Liverpool C.B.	1,039	534	376	129	6	210	633	169	4	17	658	125	2	254
Manchester C.B.	1,037	558	357	122	17	202	667	133	3	15	703	12	6	316
Oldham C.B.	215	85	92	38	5	40	114	53	-	3	188	-	2	25
St. Helens C.B.	143	39	86	18	2	19	81	38	1	2	74	29	2	38
Salford C.B.	210	93	86	31	4	40	126	37	-	3	166	6	2	36
Administrative county	3,367	1,325	1,672	370	80	650	1,890	687	12	48	2,333	156	62	816
Leicestershire														
Leicester C.B.	595	311	225	59	28	150	323	78	5	11	111	22	2	460
Administrative county	700	267	374	59	14	156	378	143	3	6	211	20	36	433
Lincolnshire (Parts of Holland)														
Administrative county	97	42	48	7	6	23	38	27	1	2	32	-	48	17
Lincolnshire (Parts of Kesteven)														
Administrative county	221	84	120	17	8	49	109	53	1	1	130	3	5	83
Lincolnshire (Parts of Lindsey)														
Administrative county	575	207	311	57	22	113	316	115	8	1	484	7	10	74
Norfolk														
Norwich C.B.	221	104	92	25	9	35	139	36	-	2	143	3	-	75
Administrative county	520	175	303	42	19	94	277	118	8	4	348	67	5	100
Northamptonshire														
Northampton C.B.	241	109	104	28	10	59	122	43	2	5	160	1	2	78
Administrative county	419	171	208	40	19	86	228	81	1	4	210	3	13	193
Northumberland														
Newcastle upon Tyne C.B.	615	281	265	69	9	121	374	98	4	9	571	4	2	38
Administrative county	682	261	356	65	17	139	363	153	3	7	617	6	5	54
Nottinghamshire														
Nottingham C.B.	640	294	283	63	18	131	371	112	2	6	409	-	4	227
Administrative county	847	319	448	80	29	165	453	183	7	10	496	9	4	338
Oxfordshire														
Oxford C.B.	315	194	91	30	6	84	192	32	-	1	220	21	3	71
Administrative county	427	170	220	37	9	95	234	83	3	3	266	37	5	119
Shropshire														
Administrative county	533	232	262	39	12	105	318	91	1	6	236	222	9	66
Somerset														
Administrative county	865	398	397	70	38	211	429	161	6	20	587	149	30	99
Staffordshire														
Dudley C.B.	242	101	121	20	7	46	138	46	1	4	16	182	1	43
Stoke on Trent C.B.	392	154	194	44	10	74	215	85	2	6	272	72	-	48
Walsall C.B.	320	134	165	21	5	64	191	54	2	4	39	231	-	50
West Bromwich C.B.	236	111	104	21	9	43	144	37	2	1	11	195	-	30
Wolverhampton C.B.	517	244	228	45	14	111	294	86	1	11	55	362	1	99
Administrative county	1,056	406	557	93	25	217	592	203	3	16	361	548	7	140
Suffolk, East														
Ipswich C.B.	200	73	106	21	8	35	111	42	3	1	131	15	4	50
Administrative county	294	107	156	31	14	41	158	78	1	2	177	33	5	79
Suffolk, West														
Administrative county	451	147	257	47	13	77	276	78	1	6	367	48	9	27
Surrey														
Administrative county	1,708	834	761	113	37	352	941	328	6	44	615	99	107	887
Sussex, East														
Brighton C.B.	373	208	134	31	4	78	245	40	-	6	152	195	2	24
Administrative county	704	334	308	62	16	147	414	116	3	8	370	216	17	101
Sussex, West														
Administrative county	709	324	312	73	20	140	413	123	1	12	344	14	37	314
Warwickshire														
Birmingham C.B.	2,700	1,447	999	254	56	663	1,570	374	9	28	381	1,904	3	412
Coventry C.B.	708	328	313	67	17	158	419	102	3	9	115	453	1	139
Solihull C.B.	233	104	110	19	8	49	116	55	3	2	68	130	2	33
Administrative county	1,176	512	557	107	36	265	655	193	9	18	237	749	6	184
Meriden R.D.	190	79	92	19	7	44	113	20	2	4	44	123	-	23

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Area of usual residence	Total	Marital status			Age						Hospital region of operation			
		Single	Married	Others	Under 16	16-19	20-34	35-44	45 and over	Not stated	Home region		Other region	
											N.H.S. Hospital	Non N.H.S.	N.H.S. Hospital	Non N.H.S.
Wight, Isle of Administrative county	148	67	65	16	6	30	82	27	1	2	62	-	1	85
Wiltshire Administrative county	654	247	350	57	24	114	368	123	5	20	360	36	47	191
Worcestershire Warley C.B. Administrative county	275 847	113 368	135 422	27 57	6 21	57 202	169 461	32 152	1 2	10 9	51 265	176 455	- 27	48 100
Yorkshire, East Riding Kingston upon Hull C.B. Administrative county	435 381	177 176	194 176	64 29	13 13	85 87	242 195	85 72	2 3	8 11	357 309	21 9	- 7	57 56
Yorkshire, North Riding Teesside C.B. Administrative county	656 487	272 209	303 236	81 42	27 14	154 117	339 249	128 68	4 2	4 17	623 321	- 42	1 51	32 73
Yorkshire, West Riding Bradford C.B. Huddersfield C.B. Leeds C.B. Sheffield C.B. York C.B. Administrative county	414 194 789 770 165 2,219	196 98 391 360 85 795	167 78 305 343 62 1,207	51 18 93 67 18 217	16 7 15 28 5 77	95 43 157 150 46 398	225 106 440 433 80 1,222	73 38 162 121 34 480	2 - 4 3 - 7	3 - 11 35 - 35	166 48 311 381 22 1,236	- 5 2 70 4 94	3 7 8 3 8 183	245 134 468 316 131 706
Caernarvonshire Administrative county	152	63	75	14	2	26	95	27	-	2	77	-	4	71
Carmarthenshire Administrative county	302	97	182	23	4	57	164	74	3	-	282	-	-	20
Denbighshire Administrative county	214	85	103	26	3	36	131	41	2	1	111	-	3	100
Flintshire Administrative county	225	103	99	23	5	45	125	46	1	3	74	-	34	117
Glamorgan Cardiff C.B. Swansea C.B. Administrative county	489 495 1,301	264 186 495	172 268 698	53 41 108	11 7 39	96 104 246	305 304 746	70 78 258	4 2 9	3 - 3	282 471 1,102	- - -	6 3 6	201 21 193
Monmouthshire Newport C.B. Administrative county	228 644	78 222	115 363	35 59	10 19	49 130	124 346	45 144	- 2	- 3	200 568	- -	2 10	26 66

TABLE 19. Legally induced abortions by marital status, occupation group, hospital region of usual residence and type of premises

Hospital region of usual residence	Type of premises	Total	Single					Married					Others										
			Professional	Intermediate	Skilled	Semi-skilled	Unskilled	Others	Not stated	Professional	Intermediate	Skilled	Semi-skilled	Unskilled	Others	Not stated	Professional	Intermediate	Skilled	Semi-skilled	Unskilled	Others	Not stated
ENGLAND AND WALES	N.H.S. Non NHS	53,455 41,115	82 259	2,698 4,281	6,897 11,570	2,230 2,635	569 342	4,252 4,271	2,690 1,526	880 675	2,890 2,595	9,615 5,250	3,372 1,734	1,860 479	3,605 1,311	6,209 1,061	27 53	392 410	1,220 1,159	607 417	200 81	1,897 1,644	1,263 1,362
Newcastle	N.H.S. Non NHS	4,661 3,996	7 2	202 44	613 114	197 18	84 12	339 38	240 16	71 5	224 24	1,031 43	321 9	286 5	114 24	431 3	2 1	38 7	98 14	50 2	34 -	190 10	89 5
Leeds	N.H.S. Non NHS	2,384 2,009	3 8	92 195	259 519	93 92	19 20	195 238	124 53	22 32	141 146	496 270	157 102	94 31	131 92	254 41	3 -	17 26	40 65	34 18	11 7	125 29	74 23
Sheffield	N.H.S. Non NHS	4,038 2,924	2 13	129 263	379 721	155 187	44 39	297 316	171 89	82 35	254 181	960 479	306 151	160 37	248 100	435 64	1 2	21 27	82 93	50 35	14 6	166 58	82 28
East Anglian	N.H.S. Non NHS	2,424 853	2 7	128 65	304 202	105 41	45 8	189 112	90 17	56 20	159 81	541 110	187 38	95 6	95 61	203 16	2 2	10 9	47 17	30 5	13 2	77 8	46 6
North West Metropolitan	N.H.S. Non NHS	6,740 7,603	19 84	545 895	1,137 2,117	372 589	56 51	571 859	286 355	125 159	310 471	979 795	376 247	165 57	398 159	720 268	1 16	70 82	212 195	83 68	16 9	152 82	147 45
North East Metropolitan	N.H.S. Non NHS	3,715 3,067	4 11	183 332	488 896	145 177	16 208	200 208	152 123	53 36	169 195	565 486	190 141	109 59	354 73	707 89	1 1	19 30	78 83	35 30	16 9	96 48	113 24
South East Metropolitan	N.H.S. Non NHS	5,328 2,387	9 17	290 267	767 724	184 131	18	256	275 76	117 48	299 161	1,030 303	362 89	168 20	326 44	492 48	1 3	40 27	122 67	52 18	22 6	162 44	145 20
South West Metropolitan	N.H.S. Non NHS	3,831 5,852	14 57	322 741	662 1,921	187 441	27	673	205 195	59 98	158 337	462 518	153 173	76 47	388 119	370 104	4 12	38 56	95 162	33 44	9 6	124 85	72 36
Wessex	N.H.S. Non NHS	1,824 1,265	2 3	55 130	151 410	51 81	11 9	190 160	129 24	19 24	83 75	212 123	70 46	17 6	291 44	327 34	1 -	14 16	36 26	14 11	6 3	83 27	62 13
Oxford	N.H.S. Non NHS	2,026 1,309	3 7	99 126	258 322	71 90	11 15	194 149	81 36	46 31	152 107	362 147	164 57	58 12	71 69	245 52	2 -	16 6	58 34	23 11	6 2	67 29	39 7
South Western	N.H.S. Non NHS	3,569 1,577	3 8	159 150	469 382	161 84	46 15	348 224	258 115	50 13	187 110	535 122	193 46	93 11	321 96	405 100	2 2	23 15	80 32	27 11	8 -	115 15	86 26
Welsh	N.H.S. Non NHS	3,761 1,017	2 6	160 113	392 284	121 50	75 9	281 129	191 35	51 10	218 57	677 125	239 43	191 16	228 56	616 18	2 3	21 10	52 32	31 10	14 1	142 22	77 8
Birmingham	N.H.S. Non NHS	2,331 7,436	3 19	61 568	224 1,865	73 461	18 87	179 610	69 258	32 107	145 468	392 1,316	165 455	70 135	368 303	304 151	2 10	14 52	46 227	22 112	3 24	90 129	51 79
Manchester	N.H.S. Non NHS	5,027 2,068	8 15	178 215	597 650	240 125	22 11	365 180	351 80	63 38	279 115	979 247	354 90	190 21	219 55	548 43	3 1	39 32	128 70	86 19	20 2	219 29	139 30
Liverpool	N.H.S. Non NHS	1,776 1,352	1 2	95 157	197 443	75 68	18 5	121 119	68 54	34 19	112 65	394 166	135 47	88 16	53 36	152 30	- -	12 15	46 42	37 23	8 4	89 29	41 12

TABLE 19 Medical grounds for legally induced abortions, number of reasons given by type of premises
(includes answers to questions 11a and b, and excludes answers to question 11c on the notification form)

ICD 8th Rev.	Medical conditions	NUMBER OF REASONS GIVEN*									
		PRIMARY CONDITION MENTIONED		SECONDARY CONDITION MENTIONED		SUSPECTED MEDICAL CONDITION OF FOETUS					
		Relating to present pregnancy		Relating to present pregnancy		Condition of foetus in previous pregnancy		Suspected condition in present foetus			
		N H S	Non NHS	N H S	Non NHS	N H S	Non NHS	N H S	Non NHS	N H S	Non NHS
056	Rubella	925	138	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
0560	Rubella	896	93	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
0561	Rubella contact	488	41	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
0562	Rubella immunisation	41	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
000-055}	Other infective and parasitic diseases	247	57	22	2	1	-	10	3	-	-
057-136}	Tuberculosis	154	32	11	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
010-019}	Late effects of acute poliomyelitis	19	3	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
044											
150-159	Malignant neoplasm of digestive organs and peritoneum	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
180-184	Malignant neoplasm of female reproductive tract	18	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
140-149}	Other malignant neoplasm of specified sites (including secondary neoplasm)	55	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
160-174}											
188, 189}	Malignant neoplasm of breast	45	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
174											
190-199	Malignant neoplasm of other and unspecified sites	15	1	-	-	1	-	3	-	-	-
200-209	Neoplasm of lymphatic and haematopoietic tissue	27	3	1	-	1	-	4	-	-	-
218-221}	Benign neoplasm of female reproductive tract	132	43	24	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
218	Uterine fibroma	107	34	21	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
220	Benign neoplasm of ovary	23	8	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
210-217}	Benign neoplasm of other sites	6	3	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	-
223-228}											
230-239	Neoplasm of unspecified nature	64	6	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
234	Neoplasm of unspecified nature of uterus	54	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
240-258	Endocrine diseases	179	45	21	5	3	-	4	2	-	-
242	Thyroid disease with or without goitre	45	13	8	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
250	Diabetes mellitus	106	22	7	2	2	-	-	1	-	-
260-269	Nutritional diseases	6	2	3	1	4	-	2	-	-	-
270-279}	Other metabolic diseases	56	38	39	7	10	1	18	-	-	-
277	Obesity not specified as of endocrine origin	39	37	37	7	-	-	-	-	-	-
280-289	Diseases of blood and blood-forming organs	66	13	15	2	5	-	17	2	-	-
290-299}	Mental disorders - Psychoses	616	418	26	13	-	-	1	1	-	-
295	Schizophrenia	119	15	6	6	-	-	1	1	-	-
296	Affective psychoses	324	388	15	11	-	-	-	-	-	-
300	Mental disorders - Neuroses	16,139	57,316	916	922	-	-	-	-	-	-
301	Mental disorders - Personality disorders	320	137	19	7	-	-	-	-	-	-
303, 304}	Mental disorders - Alcoholism, drug dependence	47	9	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
304	Drug dependence	38	8	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
302-309}	Mental disorders - Other non-psychotic	15,218	8,804	392	78	-	-	1	-	-	-
305-309}	Transient situational disturbances	15,486	8,758	390	75	-	-	-	-	-	-
307											
310-315}	Mental retardation	254	11	18	1	23	3	9	3	3	3
315	Unspecified mental retardation	254	11	18	1	23	3	9	3	3	3
320-358}	Diseases of nervous system	367	46	26	4	26	6	66	9	9	9
330	Hereditary neuromuscular disorders	8	3	-	1	5	1	36	4	4	4
340	Multiple sclerosis	61	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	-
345	Epilepsy	207	34	12	1	10	1	4	-	-	-

* A single case may provide up to three reasons, one in each of the divisions, i.e. primary maternal, secondary maternal and foetal.

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ICD 8th Rev.	Medical conditions	NUMBER OF REASONS GIVEN*									
		PRIMARY CONDITION MENTIONED		SECONDARY CONDITION MENTIONED		SUSPECTED MEDICAL CONDITION OF FETUS					
		Relating to present pregnancy		Relating to present pregnancy		Condition of foetus in previous pregnancy		Suspected condition in present foetus			
		N H S	Non NHS	N H S	Non NHS	N H S	Non NHS	N H S	Non NHS		
360-389	Eye and ear diseases	44	8	9	2	7	4	9	5		
390-398	Rheumatic heart disease and active rheumatic fever	129	31	6	-	-	-	-	-		
394	Diseases of mitral valve	60	13	4	-	-	-	-	-		
400-429	Other heart disease and hypertensive disease	480	62	88	16	-	-	-	-		
401	Essential benign hypertension	374	37	78	13	-	-	-	-		
424	Chronic disease of endocardium	17	8	2	1	-	-	-	-		
429	Ill-defined heart disease	42	8	1	1	-	-	-	-		
430-438	Cerebrovascular disease	25	2	7	-	-	-	-	-		
440-458	Other diseases of circulatory system	261	99	62	13	-	-	-	-		
450	Pulmonary embolism and infarction	30	6	10	2	-	-	-	-		
451	Phlebitis and thrombophlebitis	45	12	10	1	-	-	-	-		
454	Varicose veins of lower extremities	82	56	28	9	-	-	-	-		
460-519	Diseases of respiratory system	306	65	35	3	1	-	3	1		
491	Chronic bronchitis	27	3	1	-	-	-	-	-		
493	Asthma	206	48	13	1	1	-	3	1		
518	Bronchiectasis	31	5	10	-	-	-	-	-		
520-569	Other diseases of digestive system	89	27	12	2	-	-	-	-		
536	Disorders of function of stomach	12	10	-	-	-	-	-	-		
563	Chronic enteritis and ulcerative colitis	45	9	2	1	-	-	-	-		
570-577	Diseases of liver, gallbladder and pancreas	24	12	6	1	-	1	-	-		
580-599	Diseases of urinary system	244	54	33	4	1	-	-	-		
582	Chronic nephritis	28	6	1	1	-	-	-	-		
590	Infections of kidney	78	20	9	-	-	-	-	-		
610,611	Diseases of breast	4	5	-	-	-	-	-	-		
612-629	Diseases of female genital tract	127	25	23	5	-	-	-	-		
623	Uterovaginal prolapse	29	8	6	1	-	-	-	-		
626	Disorders of menstruation	37	2	6	2	-	-	-	-		
630-678	See next page										
680-709	Diseases of skin and subcutaneous tissue	31	7	4	-	1	-	2	-		
710-738	Diseases of musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	197	32	31	1	3	-	2	-		
712	Rheumatoid arthritis and allied conditions	82	4	3	-	2	-	-	-		
725	Displacement of intervertebral disc	85	5	7	-	-	-	-	-		
740-759	Congenital anomalies	120	20	9	1	259	39	1,210	218		
741	Spina bifida	3	-	1	1	49	1	14	1		
746	Congenital anomalies of heart	44	5	3	-	13	7	6	4		
759	Congenital syndromes affecting multiple systems	2	1	-	-	69	8	75	36		
760-779	Maternal conditions associated with perinatal morbidity (placenta and child)	1	-	-	-	50	12	419	106		
775	Haemolytic disease of newborn without mention of kernicterus	-	-	-	-	18	-	239	51		
780-796	Symptoms and ill-defined conditions (including medical reason unknown)	199	193	42	8	-	-	18	7		
790	Nervousness and debility	30	71	8	2	-	-	-	-		
N800-N999	Accidents, poisonings and violence (nature of injury)	55	28	21	2	-	-	275	118		
N962	Adverse effect of hormones and synthetic substitutes	1	3	7	-	-	-	30	7		
N970	Adverse effect of psychotherapeutics	6	1	-	-	-	-	29	14		
N990	Effects of radiation	6	2	1	-	-	-	119	39		

* A single case may provide up to three reasons, one in each of the divisions, i.e. primary maternal, secondary maternal and foetal.

TABLE 19 - continued

ICD 8th Rev.	Medical conditions	NUMBER OF REASONS GIVEN											
		PRIMARY CONDITION MENTIONED				SECONDARY CONDITION MENTIONED				SUSPECTED MEDICAL CONDITION OF FOETUS			
		Relating to previous pregnancy		Relating to present pregnancy		Relating to previous pregnancy		Relating to present pregnancy		Condition of foetus in previous pregnancy		Suspected condition in present foetus	
		N H S	Non NHS	N H S	Non NHS	N H S	Non NHS	N H S	Non NHS	N H S	Non NHS	N H S	Non NHS
630-634	Complications of pregnancy	233	120	311	87	11	3	12	8	-	-	-	2
632	Haemorrhage of pregnancy	10	-	34	9	1	-	3	4	-	-	-	-
635-639	Urinary infections and toxæmias of pregnancy	233	58	235	68	15	4	20	11	-	-	-	-
637	Pre-eclampsia, eclampsia and toxæmia unspecified	218	52	116	11	13	4	8	5	-	-	-	-
638	Hyperemesis gravidarum	10	3	107	54	1	-	9	5	-	-	-	-
640-645	Complications of abortion (and previous abortions)	20	9	32	27	5	1	4	-	-	-	-	-
643	Spontaneous abortion	13	9	12	1	4	1	4	-	-	-	-	-
649	Pregnancy in the presence of IUCD and/or previous recurrent premature or stillbirth deliveries	-	-	136	29	-	-	13	1	-	-	-	-
650-678	Complications of delivery and puerperium (and previous delivery)	146	58	182	90	16	9	43	13	-	-	-	-
651	Delivery complicated by placenta prævia or antepartum haemorrhage	24	5	6	4	3	1	1	1	-	-	-	-
669	Surgical procedures in present or previous pregnancy, previous Caesarian section	-	-	140	68	-	-	36	11	-	-	-	-

*A single case may provide up to three reasons, i.e. primary maternal, secondary maternal and foetal.

TABLE 20. Legally induced abortions by marital status, occupation group and (i) statutory grounds (ii) gestation weeks
England and Wales, 1971
Cases resident in England and Wales

Statutory grounds and gestation weeks	Single						Married						Others																							
	Professional			Semi-skilled			Unskilled			Others			Not stated			Professional			Intermediate			Skilled			Semi-skilled			Unskilled			Others			Not stated		
	Total	Professional	Intermediate	Skilled	Semi-skilled	Unskilled	Others	Not stated	Professional	Intermediate	Skilled	Semi-skilled	Unskilled	Others	Not stated	Professional	Intermediate	Skilled	Semi-skilled	Unskilled	Others	Not stated	Professional	Intermediate	Skilled	Semi-skilled	Unskilled	Others	Not stated							
Total	94,570	341	6,979	18,467	4,865	911	8,523	4,216	1,555	5,485	14,865	5,106	2,339	4,916	7,270	80	802	2,379	1,024	281	2,541	1,625														
(i) Statutory grounds*																																				
1	1,882	2	78	186	61	9	99	65	46	148	427	143	63	172	236	-	11	32	15	8	47	34														
2	71,443	328	6,682	17,611	4,472	816	8,018	3,689	991	3,395	8,823	2,949	1,284	2,902	4,185	53	549	1,598	614	167	1,364	953														
3	4,140	3	41	121	76	22	99	108	65	242	965	370	246	375	607	5	46	160	104	27	291	167														
4	1,327	1	21	90	29	5	38	35	64	157	316	113	44	151	231	-	2	9	3	-	11	7														
5	10	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	1	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-														
6	10	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	1	3	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-														
2 with 4	910	1	25	77	28	7	40	42	35	82	208	79	29	81	125	1	3	11	6	3	18	9														
3 with others	14,848	6	132	379	198	52	229	277	352	1,459	4,121	1,450	672	1,234	1,886	21	191	569	282	76	807	455														
(ii) Gestation weeks†																																				
Under 9	15,700	92	1,443	2,837	675	92	1,311	542	464	1,379	2,538	796	289	819	1,083	21	185	407	146	30	324	227														
9	13,117	60	1,070	2,549	555	92	1,155	515	260	900	2,138	755	272	673	972	8	115	339	129	29	327	204														
10	15,224	58	1,179	3,029	744	123	1,364	589	244	907	2,535	777	377	764	1,203	16	138	396	146	55	365	215														
11	14,804	46	1,075	3,085	797	153	1,347	648	210	790	2,249	828	335	765	1,040	13	117	411	177	41	392	275														
12	11,602	35	809	2,435	687	138	1,071	557	137	506	1,769	619	322	578	869	5	77	285	133	23	342	205														
13	7,750	17	458	1,604	489	114	701	411	76	319	1,188	392	268	363	632	5	52	179	97	29	217	119														
14	4,707	9	275	947	277	52	430	236	51	201	738	275	132	229	381	4	38	109	47	21	164	91														
15	3,078	4	174	573	171	47	290	158	30	124	473	178	107	144	289	1	16	70	38	19	106	66														
16	2,100	5	123	392	121	25	191	153	13	77	308	122	63	105	172	2	13	38	32	10	86	49														
17-19	2,948	6	172	531	187	48	325	185	16	94	403	188	84	150	235	3	19	64	38	15	109	76														
20-23	733	1	43	122	43	6	87	62	4	28	98	29	20	48	52	1	8	24	14	2	26	15														
24 and over	114	-	5	13	8	2	10	4	-	6	22	8	4	9	8	-	-	2	1	-	6	6														
Not stated	2,693	8	153	340	111	19	241	156	50	154	406	139	66	249	334	1	24	55	26	7	77	77														

* For statutory grounds see page 111.
† For definition of gestation weeks see page 1v.

TABLE 21. Legally induced abortions by marital status, occupation group, duration of stay and type of premises

Duration of stay and type of premises	Single						Married						Others									
	Single						Married						Others									
	Professional	Intermediate	Skilled	Semi-skilled	Unskilled	Others	Not stated	Professional	Intermediate	Skilled	Semi-skilled	Unskilled	Others	Not stated	Professional	Intermediate	Skilled	Semi-skilled	Unskilled	Others	Not stated	
Total																						
Total	53,455	2,698	6,897	2,230	569	4,252	2,690	880	2,890	9,615	3,372	1,860	3,605	6,209	27	392	1,220	607	200	1,897	1,263	
N H S	41,115	4,281	11,570	2,635	342	4,271	1,526	675	2,595	5,250	1,734	479	1,311	1,061	53	410	1,159	417	81	644	362	
0 days	1,763	6	139	281	67	116	183	33	85	235	61	33	77	247	-	15	37	15	4	41	70	
N H S	1,846	17	213	584	129	172	33	30	117	252	77	22	26	42	2	17	43	12	5	27	18	
1 day	3,679	9	232	686	150	360	193	87	235	487	190	81	263	301	2	24	119	40	11	99	67	
N H S	35,086	223	3,663	9,939	2,276	3,571	1,367	549	2,102	4,519	1,521	417	1,041	889	45	345	1,012	360	70	561	316	
2 days	11,189	27	797	1,766	581	1,122	601	216	576	1,565	522	245	772	1,099	8	100	289	94	42	401	255	
N H S	3,001	17	308	823	165	370	84	67	266	350	100	26	112	77	4	38	78	32	5	38	19	
3 days	8,051	18	518	1,199	420	725	456	140	396	1,205	425	216	467	823	5	77	199	119	30	312	199	
N H S	166	-	11	36	5	19	11	4	16	12	6	-	18	10	-	1	3	4	-	3	2	
4 days	4,261	1	216	648	207	407	294	52	191	650	199	143	243	453	2	33	112	58	20	153	103	
N H S	115	-	11	29	4	17	5	1	5	8	1	2	23	4	-	1	1	2	-	1	-	
5 days	2,339	1	125	339	127	190	144	29	98	359	125	66	150	291	-	15	55	34	11	72	75	
N H S	76	-	7	12	4	18	3	2	7	7	3	1	4	3	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	
6 days	1,735	2	63	223	73	134	94	25	74	319	116	71	117	220	1	11	30	17	8	64	51	
N H S	40	-	4	7	2	1	-	-	3	2	2	-	6	2	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	
7 days and over	11,298	7	221	685	284	516	335	133	670	2,901	1,034	661	926	1,846	2	53	172	122	40	394	225	
N H S	272	-	20	28	12	44	12	5	30	27	7	2	54	13	-	1	6	2	-	5	2	
Not stated	9,140	11	387	1,070	341	682	390	165	565	1,894	700	344	590	929	7	64	207	108	34	361	218	
N H S	513	2	44	112	38	52	11	17	49	73	17	9	27	21	2	5	14	4	-	8	5	

TABLE 22. Deaths following legally induced abortions by age,
period of gestation and method of termination

England and Wales, 1971

Cases resident in England and Wales

Gestation weeks*	Method	Under 16	16-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 and over
Under 9 weeks	Abdominal (Hysterotomy (Hysterectomy								
	Vaginal (Vacuum aspiration (Other methods								
9 to 12 weeks	Abdominal (Hysterotomy (Hysterectomy					(1)	(1) (1)		
	Vaginal (Vacuum aspiration (Other methods					(1)	1	1†	
13 to 16 weeks	Abdominal (Hysterotomy (Hysterectomy						(1)	(1)	
	Vaginal (Vacuum aspiration (Other methods			1					
17 weeks and over	Abdominal (Hysterotomy (Hysterectomy				1				
	Vaginal (Vacuum aspiration (Other methods		1						
Not stated	Abdominal (Hysterotomy (Hysterectomy								
	Vaginal (Vacuum aspiration (Other methods								

On certification of cause of death see page vi.
Brackets round numbers indicate that sterilisation was also performed in these cases.
There were also 3 deaths of non-resident women.

* For definition of gestation weeks see page iv.

† Included here is one death occurring in 1971 and notified late in 1972.

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